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IRA 'spy' gaoled

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Profits reverse

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Muslims flee

THOUSANDS of Muslims fled east Sidon yesterday under an ultimatum from Christian militiamen. Page 11.

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LORD Hailsham, the Lord Chancellor, suffered a humiliating defeat in the Lords last night with the rejection of his attempts to curtail the Court of Appeal rights of individuals contesting public decisions. Back page.

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FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY.—First Round, Second Leg: Bristol Rvrs 0, Swansea 0 (0–2). Second Round: Brentford 1, Cambridge 0; Tranmere 1, Burnley 1 (after 90 min). SCOTTISH LEAGUE.—First Division: Forfar 1, Brechin 0. Second Division: Dunfermline 2, E Stirling 0.

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Shake-up for National Insurance but only £750m handout in 'jobs and enterprise' budget

Austere Chancellor gives sterling a further boost

By Christopher Huhne, Economics Editor

Mr Nigel Lawson's second budget yesterday attempted to placate both the financial markets and dissident Tory backbenchers by restating austere public borrowing and money supply targets while concentrating what little he had in hand on measures to cut unemployment.

The immediate reaction of the foreign exchange markets was to mark the pound up further.

In London, where it had risen early in the morning in anticipation of a fiscally orthodox budget aimed principally

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at curbing inflation, it closed almost 3 cents higher at $1.1365.

In New York, it soared at one point to $1.1635 before falling back to close at $1.1605.

The Chancellor's job creation measures include a radical restructuring of the system of national insurance contribution: which imposes the standard 10.45 per cent employers' rate for the high paid and introduces reduced empoyers' and employees' graduated rates for the low paid.

Income tax allowances are to rise by just under 10 per cent, against the 4.6 per cent required to keep pace with price rises in the year to last December.

This will take an additional 400,000 people out of the tax net. The hope is that it will create more jobs.

Direct employment measures include an expansion of the Community Programme by 100,000 [illegible] sion of the Youth Training

Police watch over a pre-budget stroll in St James's Park for Mr Lawson, his wife, Teresa, and their children, Emily, aged 3, and Tom, aged 8. Picture by Martin Argles

Scheme to provide places for a second year for all 16-year-olds and a recognised qualification at the end of the training.

What Mr Lawson called a "budget for jobs and enterprise" involved a net handout of only £750 million, only half of the figure advertised by the treasury last November and a quarter of the amount mooted before the January sterling crisis and the consequent 4½ per cent rise in interest rates.

The reduction in the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement — the gap between total revenues and government spending — from an estimated £10¼ billion this year to £7 billion in 1985-86 is more than can be accounted for by buoyant tax revenues.

This suggests that the package, along with spending cuts, is modestly restrictive compared with this year.

This left City analysts, trade union leaders and industrialists to question whether the budget measures really would promote the fall in unemployment for which Mr Lawson hopes.

Income tax cuts worth £730 million with a fall in the national insurance take of £160 million in 1985-6 were offset by other rises in taxation.

The Chancellor had no new tax on pension funds, and limited his extension of VAT to a further £60 million from newspaper and magazine advertising, [illegible] and other excise duties rose substantially more than inflation and will yield £235 million next year.

The increase of £10 to £100 in vehicle road tax is nearly £6 more than required by inflation, beer goes up an average of 1½p a pint (compared to 1p for inflation), wine by 6p a bottle (3.5p), and cigarettes up 6p a packet (3.6p).

Only spirits have a below inflation rise of 10p a bottle (25.4p) due to the whisky industry's problems.

Mr Lawson said that he was determined to hold to the course previously charted by his Medium Term Financial Strategy, the purpose of which is "nothing less than the defeat of inflation."

But he once again denied that there was any conflict between cutting price rises and combating "the scourge of unemployment," which was, he said, the second theme of his budget.

Money supply targets previously set have been left unchanged, and much of the net impact of government policy on growth next year will hang crucially on whether Mr Lawson attempts to steer money growth well within his target ranges.

If he does, 1985-6 will be the first year since the beginning of the recovery in 1981 when neither monetary policy nor budgetary policy have been expansionary.

In line with his view that labour costs are the main constraint on employment growth, rather than a lack of demand, Mr Lawson announced a new range of employers' national insurance contributions.

Until now they had been a flat 10.45 per cent on all salaries between £34 and £250 a week. Now they will be payable at 5 per cent on salaries between £35.50 and £90. 7 per cent between £55 and £90 and 9 per cent between £90 and £130.

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WHAT THE BUDGET WILL COST

Jobs and training

A COMPLEX PACKAGE extends the Youth Training Scheme from next year to provide two years of training for 16-year-olds and one year for all 17-year-olds (so long as employers help with the cost); expands the community programme for older unemployed from 130,000 to 230,000; and adds a special £40 million programme to provide additional hitech and engineering opportunities in education. The total cost, estimated at £1 billion, was said to work out at only £75 million a year after allowing for benefit saving.

NI cut for low paid

CONTRIBUTIONS to be cut for low paid workers, and their employers from October to stimulate employment. The cost of saving £3 a week each for employer and employed will be balanced by ending the upper wage limit on contributions.

Employment protection reduced

THE QUALIFYING period for unfair dismissal is increased from one to two years, and a consultation document soon on the 26 Wages Councils will probably lead to their abolition. They "destroy jobs," Mr Lawson claimed.

Tax thresholds raised

BASIC personal tax allowances up by about 5 per cent for the low paid with high-rate bands raised in line with inflation. Self-employed to pay no tax on half their national insurance. No tax on pension lump sums. Company car taxes increased by 10 per cent and profit sharing limits eased. Promise of income tax reforms, with green paper this year.

Cigarettes and drinks go up

CIGARETTES will cost 6p more a packet, nearly twice the rate of inflation, but pipe tobacco and cigars will not be increased. Beer will cost 1p or 2p a pint more, according to strength; cider, 1p; table wine will be up 6p a bottle; sherry and port about 10p; and spirits only 10p a bottle, because of difficulties facing Scotch whisky producers. The increases will bring in £180 million in a full year.

Dearer motoring

ROAD TAX for cars and light vans is up £10 to £100 a year and petrol goes up 4.1p to over £2 a gallon in most parts of the country. Heavy vehicles get 3.5p on diesel fuel and reorganised road tax which means some lorries will pay twice as much while most escape any increase.

VAT extended

FEARS about taxing children's shoes and books allayed, but newspaper and magazine advertisements get a £50 million additional burden. Credit card companies also included in VAT which could put up costs to holders. Registration threshold for inclusion in VAT raised £800 to £19,500. No VAT on gifts of computers for medical use. A purge on late payers of VAT is expected to produce a once-and-for-all gain of £600 million by 1989.

Development land tax ended

DEVELOPMENT LAND tax is abolished immediately. Stamp duty will be cut back on several types of transactions and capital gains tax is simplified.

Miners blamed in £3.5bn 'bill'

PUBLIC EXPENDITURE would be £3.5 billion more than expected, Mr Lawson said. He blamed more than two thirds of this on the coal strike but he acknowledged that the weakness of the pound had also had an effect.

This marks the end of radical Thatcherism

Peter Jenkins

THE only surprise yesterday was that the Chancellor failed to spring one. The political message of the budget was that the consolidators in the Government have prevailed over the radicals.

Within the split personality of Mr Nigel Lawson himself, his respect for sound money prevailed over his gambler's instincts. He played it safe all round this year: safe towards the City with his monetary and financial targets, safe towards his own party by eschewing the controversial tax reforms which could have yielded him some real money for an assault on unemployment.

His second budget marks the the ending of radical Thatcherism but not yet the beginning of an alternative strategy capable of substantially reducing unemployment.

It was a monetarist budget without the dynamic supply side measures which no doubt the Chancellor himself would have liked to have included. Now the radical moment has passed, for next year's budget will leave only an 18-month run-up to an election in the autumn of 1987.

Mr Lawson's own frustration showed through his speech the brevity of which was a further indication of its paucity.

He blamed the miners for blowing him off course and severely reducing his ability to reduce personal taxation. When back in November he had hinted at tax cuts of £1.5 billion we may guess that he hoped he might double that amount on budget day; yesterday he felt obliged to halve it.

He threw in a sarcastic reference to the "unparalleled pre-budget agitation" against any moves to reduce or abolish the tax privileges which attach to private pension funds.

The incipient revolt in his own party had warned him off this and, indeed, any further attack on the vast array of tax expenditures which are, in effect, subsidised perks and constitute the second arm of the welfare state.

Reform has been swept under the carpet of a Green

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Treasury blunders on council spending

By John Carvel, Local Government Correspondent

The Treasury has unwittingly undermined the Department of the Environment's attempt to control local authority spending by presenting accounts suggesting that a £1.3 billion council "overspend" has already been allowed for in the coming year.

Civil servants at the department were adamant last night that no relaxation of the drive to reduce council budgets was implied; but local authority leaders were relishing the prospect of an excuse for spending more.

The inter-departmental confusion has arisen because the people drawing up the national accounts had little or no knowledge of what they were accounting for.

The financial statement, published with the budget provides an unprecedented £1.3 billion "unallocated reserve" for the councils over and above the sums they were told they could spend in last January's public expenditure white paper.

This is part of the £5 billion extra contingency reserve which the Chancellor created in yesterday's budget.

To ensure that rival spending departments did not rush in to claim this spending power for their own programmes, the Treasury has allocated the £5 billion pro rata across each spending sector.

While this may suit Whitehall departments, it will create considerable confusion in the local authority sector.

Instead of being allowed to spend £39.8 billion, the accounts now make it look as if the Treasury is prepared for the councils to spend £41.1 billion.

The figures cover both current spending on jobs and services and capital spending on new construction projects.

The department insisted that the figures provided no indication of government expectations about the likely level of council overspending.

Paying the price of Scargill

By Ian Aitken, Political Editor

"Well, personally I would like to have seen the Chancellor put VAT on stopping people in the street and asking silly questions."

Mr Nigel Lawson yesterday presented what amounted to Mr Arthur Scargill's Budget. The Chancellor conceded that he had been "boxed in" by the massive cost of the 12-month pit strike, and had thus been unable to fulfil the expectations of massive tax cuts which he himself had created.

In sheer cash terms, the cost of the strike, which Mr Lawson once described as "a good investment for Britain," turned out to be £2¼ billion — £2¼ billion in extra expenditure and £250 million in lost tax revenue.

But, for Mr Lawson's tax cutting programme, the price may eventually turn out to be even higher. His second Budget had been billed as a "make or break" measure, both for him and for the Government. In those terms, it was clear that Tory MPs were profoundly underwhelmed.

That is not to say that they were angry, or even vocally critical. Many of them were deeply relieved that there had indeed been some tax cuts, and that they had not been accompanied by an attack on pension funds or lump sum pension payments.

In the House, Mr Lawson doggedly stuck to his claim that his was a "budget for enterprise and jobs." But Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour Leader, preferred to describe it as "a stalemate budget" in which the Chancellor was giving with one hand and taking with the other. He accused Mr Lawson of turning his back on the four million unemployed, and millions more of the very poor.

Looking squarely at the ranks of the Tory wets ranged along the front bench below the gangway, Mr Kinnock argued that the very least the Chancellor could have done would have been to provide £3½ billion for public investment. He had not done so, yet he had been prepared to find £2¼ billion to fight the miners.

However, Mr Lawson was able to point last night to increased expenditure planning totals for the coming three financial years, amounting to some £2 billion each year.

He said at a press conference that these increases represented a "prudent, cautious and fully realistic set of figures on public expenditure"—

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Who gains from tax changes

INCOME excluding pension contributions		SINGLE PERSON'S monthly tax			MARRIED PERSON'S or Single Parent's monthly tax			NATIONAL INSURANCE contracted in			NATIONAL INSURANCE contracted out		
Each month	Each year	present tax	new tax	£ gain	present tax	new tax	£ gain	present NI	new NI	loss	present NI	new NI	loss
£300	£3,600	39.88	34.88	5.00	11.13	3.63	7.50	27.00	27.00*	nil	23.70	23.86*	16p
£500	£6,000	99.88	94.88	5.00	71.13	63.63	7.50	45.00	45.00	nil	37.42	37.56	14p
£1,000	£12,000	249.88	244.88	5.00	221.13	213.63	7.50	90.00	90.00	nil	71.67	71.81	24p
£1,500	£18,000	404.83	394.98	9.85	371.13	363.63	7.50	97.50	103.35	5.85	77.38	81.97	4.59
£2,000	£24,000	620.65	602.31	18.34	577.52	555.44	22.08	97.50	103.35	5.85	77.38	81.97	4.59
£3,000	£36,000	1,130.19	1,097.69	32.50	1,077.48	1,040.40	37.08	97.50	103.35	5.85	77.38	81.97	4.59
£4,000	£48,000	1,718.08	1,671.00	41.08	1,655.58	1,608.50	47.08	97.50	103.35	5.85	77.38	81.97	4.59

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Funds 'limited' for increasing allowances

INCOME TAX

By Margaret Dibben
Money Editor

THE CHANCELLOR claimed to be making "substantial" increases in most of the income tax allowances, going well beyond complying with the law and matching inflation.

His generosity was not so wide as it might have been and several times he blamed the "limited resources at my disposal" for holding back.

The immediate reaction from charities was to attack the omissions.

The Low Pay Unit said that fewer than one in 20 will be taken out of the poverty trap. They compared the saving to a Cabinet minister on £42,000 a year, who would gain £8.87 a week, with the £1.73 to the low-paid.

The Child Poverty Action Group condemned the "wilful neglect of children" and Age Concern said that the elderly were being discriminated against.

For basic rate taxpayers, the majority of the population, the new allowances will be worth £1.73 a week to a married couple and £1.15 for a single person.

The Chancellor has added £300 to the married man's allowance, making it 9.5 per cent higher at £3,455. Single people will get another £200 a year, an increase of 10 per cent to £2,205. Both these figures are twice the amount Mr Lawson need have added.

The age allowance has faired a little better this year than last, when the Chancellor added only the legal minimum.

This time he has given the elderly the same in cash terms as other taxpayers. The single age allowance goes up by 8 per cent, or £200, to £2,690 and the married age allowance by 7.6 per cent, or £300, to £4,255.

The point at which pensioners begin to lose benefit from the age allowance rises from £8,100 to £8,800, when they will lose the same £2 for every £3 of earnings. Thus the advantage of the age allowance is further eroded and disappears altogether when earnings reach £10,000 for a married couple and £9,528 for a single person.

Two allowances for people who need extra financial support are increased by 8.7 per cent. The additional personal allowance, which goes mainly to single parents to bring their allowance to the same level as a married man's goes up by £100, to £1,250. The same amount is added to the widow's bereavement allowance.

The tax income bands, the levels at which higher rates of tax become payable, are raised by between 5.2 per cent and 5.6 per cent, only just above the level required by law. The basic rate of tax is again unchanged from the round 30 per cent and there is no change to any of the higher rates of tax.

Basic rate tax is payable on income up to £16,200 (£15,400 currently) when 40 per cent tax comes due. At the top of the range, any income above £40,200 attracts tax at the maximum rate of 60 per cent.

There will be about nine weeks to wait before pay packets reflect the higher allowances. The rates take effect at the start of the new tax year on April 6 and should show through on the first pay day after May 17.

The Chancellor claims that 800,000 fewer people will then be paying tax than if allowances had stayed at their present levels, compared with 375,000 if he had only put them up by the rate of inflation.

For high-earning husbands and wives who are better off if they are taxed indivually, the new combined salary triggering a tax advantage under wife's earnings election will be £25,360, before eucting allowances and reliefs. Of this, the wife should be earning at least £6,956.

Women to be treated on equal footing with men

TAX REFORMS

By Margaret Dibben

THE PROMISED green paper heralding an overhaul of personal taxation will be good news for women who have objected to the inequality of the taxation system.

The paper which should appear later this year will be "fairly green," meaning that it will offer suggestions and be widely open to comment.

The computerisation of the Inland Revenue and PAYE is well under way, and this will enable wide ranging tax changes to be implemented.

These will include the possible abolition of the married man's allowance, which was considered while Sir Geoffrey Howe was chancellor. A unified personal allowance will give the same figure to all men and women, but married couples will be able to transfer an unused allowance to the other.

The restructuring is intended to integrate taxation and benefits. Some items which are presently tax allowances, such as the blind person's and housekeeper's allowances, will be re-assessed. However, the Chancellor was adamant that, whatever the green paper produces, there will be "no cash losers."

The capital taxes, Capital Gains and Capital Transfer, will be looked at but only in their implications for personal taxation.

Married couples should, when the paper is enacted, have their tax affairs assessed on an individual basis to preserve the privacy which most married women do not now have. Wife's earnings election and separate assessment will, therefore, disappear.

The proposed transferability will only apply to married couples. Taking the notion that marriage, not households, is the taxable unit, co-habitees will not be eligible.

Breadwinner husbands or wives will be better off under the proposed system because they will be able to claim two single person's allowances. In marriages with a non-working wife, the allowance is at present worth only 1.5 times the single person's.

Cuts to benefit low paid workers

NATIONAL INSURANCE

By David Hencke, Social Services Correspondent

THE LOW paid and the self-employed face cuts in national insurance contributions of up to 80 per cent from October.

The reductions are the first results of the social security reviews set up by Mr Norman Fowler, the Social Services Secretary, last year. They are being implemented in advance of the publication of the review, due in May, following discussions between Mr Fowler and the Chancellor.

For people earning between £35.50 and £55 a week, contributions will drop from 9 per cent of salaries to 5 per cent for both the employee and employer. Between £55 and £90 a week the rate will fall from 9 to 7 per cent.

No change will be made for those earning between £90 and £265 a week.

However, employers of staff earning over £265 a week will pay increased contributions from October. The flat rate limit of £265 is being abolished and employers will have to pay a contribution of 10.45 per cent.

Employees earning over £265 a week will continue to pay the same contributions and there will be no changes in "contracted out" rates.

The self-employed contribution on class 2 rates will fall from £4.75 to £3.50 a week. In addition, earnings-related class 3 contributions will also be eligible for comparable reductions and tax relief.

Mr Fowler said yesterday: "The new graduated scale of lower contributions for those with earnings below £90 a week will mean higher take home pay of up to £2 a week for 3.4 million people."

About 200,000 families with a husband earning £80 a week and a wife earning £50 a week would benefit most.

The combined effect of the national insurance and tax concessions in the budget would save them £6.48 a week.

It would not affect people claiming family income supplement as it is estimated on gross not net weekly income.

Mr Fowler said that employers would be able to halve the cost of national insurance payments — from £3 to £1.50 a week — for employing people under 21.

The total cost to the national insurance fund will be just under £200 million in the next financial year.

A worker earning £35.50 a week will see contributions fall from £1.77 to 35p a week. Those earning £50 a week will pay 50p against £2.50 now and those earning £80 £4 against £5.60.

Employers with staff earning £300 a week will see their contributions rise by £3.66 to £55.20 a week for those in the earnings related state pensions scheme and to £40.35 for contracted-out staff.

Overall, employers will save £80 million a year. The only firms likely to face considerably increased costs include small companies employing exclusively high-paid staff, like stockbrokers and insurance brokers.

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Unions and industry doubt claims for economy and growth in jobs market

REACTION

By John Ardill and Michael Smith

UNION leaders last night dismissed the Chancellor's claim that the budget would create jobs, while industry was also sceptical. The exception was the Confederation of British Industry, which said the budget would help economic growth and keep a grip on inflation.

Mr John Edmonds, public services national officer of the General, Municipal and Boilermakers Union said the budget was a "concerted attack" on low paid workers. The extended qualifying period for unfair dismissal was a "charter for cowboy contractors" removing all protection for NHS staff whose jobs were being privatised.

The TUC general secretary, Mr Norman Willis, said that Mr Lawson had missed the opportunity to spend £2.5 billion from the disposal of national assets on creating jobs.

Parliament and the country had been misled during the dispute about its cost. The "savage" cut in the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement could not be carried through without affecting jobs.

Mr Rodney Bickerstaffe, general secretary of the National Union of Public Employees, said: "The Chancellor is fiddling around the fringes of taxation while the economy burns. His budget promises no real relief for poverty.

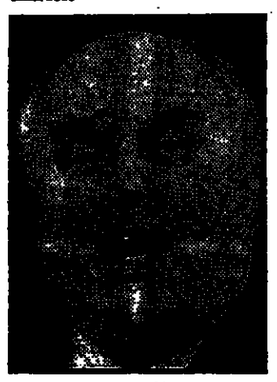
"The cuts in National Insurance contributions give a few crumbs of comfort to the low paid but they will lead to a new cluster of poverty traps at each earnings level where the rate changes.

Mr Alex Smith, leader of the Tailors and Garment Workers Union, said the abolition of wages councils, which cover many clothing industry workers, was a "sweatshop operators' charter."

Mr Lawson had signalled his intention to make Britain "the South Korea of the European Community." There was not a shred of evidence to sustain his contention that wages councils destroyed jobs.

The CBI director general, Sir Terence Beckett insisted that the budget would help economic growth and create jobs because the Chancellor was keeping a grip on inflation and borrowing.

But the Association of British Chambers of Commerce reflected general opinion by arguing that the measures would not stimulate the economy or make any impact on unemployed.



Norman Willis: a missed opportunity

Rodney Bickerstaffe: fiddling on fringes

A city economist, Richard Jeffrey went further, warning that economic growth was slowing and this would mean another 200,000 people joining the dole queues in 1985 alone.

The Manchester Chamber of Commerce said it was a budget offering little real prospect for increased employment, despite the tax and national insurance reductions.

Industrialists were particularly unhappy that the Chancellor had ignored pleas from all sides of business for an increase in public spending on decaying parts of the national infrastructure like roads, sewers and railways.

There are also serious doubts within industry that the Chancellor's planned reduction in national insurance contributions for the lower paid will help stimulate many extra jobs.

The Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors said it was disappointed that the "budget for jobs" had failed to recognise the contribution which the construction industry could make in terms of real jobs.

The view was echoed by the Association of Metropolitan Authorities which said the tax concessions of £1.6 billion would have been better spent on capital investment in building and construction where it could have created 250,000 real jobs.

DRINK AND TOBACCO

Duty rise reflects distillery problems

By Geoffrey Gibbs

CIGARETTE smokers and beer and wine drinkers face duty increases above the rate of inflation but the Chancellor is imposing a much smaller rise on spirits because of the Scotch whisky industry's difficulties.

Whisky distillers have been lobbying hard for a cut in tax, arguing that Scotch is taxed more than twice as heavily as table wine and virtually twice as heavily as beer.

The industry was pleased to see the differential narrowed, although there was disappointment that Mr Lawson did not ease the problems created by last year's abrupt ending of stock relief.

The 10p a bottle rise in duty on Scotch and other spirits was much less than had been expected and well short of the 25p rise needed to keep pace with inflation.

Duty rises on cigarettes, beer and cider are all well ahead of inflation, reflecting the Chancellor's approach of increasing revenue from excise duties as a whole by more than indexation to help pay for income tax cuts.

Mr Dawson said: "I propose to increase the revenue from the excise duties by rather more than is required simply to keep pace with inflation — a less painful task now that inflation is relatively low.

"In recognition of the current difficulties of the Scotch whisky industry however, I propose to increase the duty on spirits by only 10p a bottle, well below the amount needed to keep pace with inflation." All changes would take effect from midnight.

Cigarettes go up by 6p a packet of 20 with a similar increase for handrolling tobacco but there is no change in duty on pipe tobacco or cigars which between them account for only 5 per cent of tobacco revenue. An inflation-linked duty increase would have meant a 3½p increase.

The increase is expected to yield an additional £180 million for the Government in a full year and tobacco industry analysts believe it may create another 3 per cent drop in cigarette consumption this year.

The industry, which had feared a bigger increase, felt the Chancellor had been more realistic than last year when he put 10 on a packet of cigarettes.

However, a British Medical Association spokesman said that 6p a packet was not sufficient to give adults the incentive they needed to stop smoking while ensuring that the Government was able to collect the revenue it wanted.

The price of a pint of beer goes up by between 1p and 2p a pint for most beers, depending on strength, while cider drinkers face a 1p a pint rise. A bottle of table wine goes up by 6p and fortified and sparkling wines by 10p. It is estimated that the changes on alcohol will produce an extra £180 million of revenue in a full year.

The Brewers' Society complained that the Chancellor had again penalised beer at more than twice the rate of inflation. "It is unfair to over 30 million beer drinkers who have had excessive tax increases in every year since 1979," said a spokesman. "It is the longest run of heavy beer tax increases on record."

Miners cost balance of payments £4bn

COAL STRIKE

By John Hooper, Energy Correspondent

THE miners' strike had adversely affected the balance of payments by about £4 billion, the Chancellor said.

He and the energy secretary, Mr Peter Walker, gave the first accurate official indication of the cost of the strike to the country and the National Coal Board.

Mr Lawson said that the dispute had reduced the level of national output by 1.25 per cent. It had added £2.5 billion to Government spending and forced it to borrow an extra £2.75 billion.

The Chancellor also blamed the strike for the expected increase in the rate of inflation to 6 per cent later this year.

Earlier, Mr Walker said in a written answer that the NCB was expecting to make a trading loss of about £1.85 billion this year. But he warned that the board was still assessing the damage and that the dispute was bound to cause it further losses during the coming year.

The government has already paid out £1,108 million to the NCB for losses during the current year, as much as it is able under existing legislation. A new bill is to be drafted shortly to enable the board's losses to continue to be met.

In the meantime, Parliament is to be asked to approve the payment of a further £1 billion. This will cover the shortfall this year and, said Mr Walker, it "may be sufficient to make some provision for the deficit which the NCB may incure in 1985/86."

The figures released by Mr Walker do not take account of the losses incurred by the Central Electricity Generating Board through burning oil in place of coal, or of the cost of importing coal.

ROYAL FAMILY

Princes' pay is frozen

By James Naughtie
Political Correspondent

PRINCE Andrew and Prince Edward are to have their pay frozen at £20,000 for 1985. The Queen limits the amount of the award paid directly to the princes, with the balance invested by the royal trustees.

Prince Andrew, aged 25, and Prince Edward, aged 21, are the only members of the royal family whose allowances will not increase after the civil list announcement, which puts up last year's payment by 4.1 per cent to £5,180,100. The 3.25 per cent increase between the calendar years 1984 and 1985 is lower than the rate of inflation.

The rises reflect efforts in the royal household to reduce expenditure. Mr Michael Shea, press secretary to the Queen, said last night: "We are cutting costs in the most stringent ways we can."

Nearly 70 per cent of the civil list awards goes on staff costs. The Queen's allowance for 1985 is £3,976,200, the Queen Mother's £345,300, the Duke of Edinburgh's £192,600, Princess Anne's £120,000, and Princess Margaret's £116,800

The Queen refunds the amounts paid to the Duke of Gloucester, the Duke of Kent and Princess Alexandra — £341,900 in 1985 — making the cost to public funds for this year £4,838,200.

Publishers can breathe small sigh of relief

VAT

By Maggie Brown

THE newspaper and magazine industry reaction to the decision to extend VAT to print advertising, raising a relatively modest £50 million in a full year, was critical but muted.

It was tempered with deep-felt relief that there is no move planned "in the life of this Parliament" to put VAT on cover pries, which would have netted £600 million a year.

Mr Vernon Addison, president of the Guild of British Newspaper Editors, said: "We are delighted that the tremendous campaign against VAT on cover prices has been successful." Mr Dugal Nisbet-Smith, director general of the Newspaper Society, representing nearly 1,000 provincial newspapers, said: "It is a tremendous relief."

The change affects two key areas: classified small adverts, placed by private individuals or very small private traders typically selling a car, who will be asked to pay an extra £2.40 on an average £16 advertisement. The Newspaper Society estimates its provincial members will suffer a collective £5 million drop in revenue as advertisers shy away, representing 3 per cent of advertising.

Secondly, it will add 15 per cent to the costs of advertising by the financial sector — banks, building societies and insurance firms — who are not able to reclaim VAT under exemption rules, unlike all other VAT-registered companies. This means that VAT will, in fact, only fall on 20 per cent of total press advertising. The main impact would be on financial magazines.

But the extension of VAT will be felt most keenly by local weekly newspapers, especially those in rural areas, regionals and freesheets. The Newspaper Society estimates its regional and provincial paper members will pay half of the £50 million new tax to be raised.

It comes as a further blow to the local press which has seen a consistent fall in its advertising share during the past seven years.

About £15 million will be raised from financial advertising, Mr John Le Page, director general of the Newspaper Publishers' Association, said this was serious, and would be opposed as the Finance Bill authorising the changes went through committee stage.

But Mr Frank Barlow, chief executive of the Financial Times, which derives 11 per cent of its advertising from the financial sector unable to reclaim VAT, said yesterday: "We could do without it, but it's not the end of the world, we are not planning to raise our cover price, and we have advertisers' loyalty."

However, grave concern was expressed by leading charities who say that the top 10 will have to pay another £500,000 in VAT, because newspaper advertising is a major method of raising money.

● The Chancellor is introducing VAT relief for importers who bring goods into Britain temporarily for repair, renovation or processing.

CREDIT CARDS

Switch misses shoppers

By Margaret Dibben

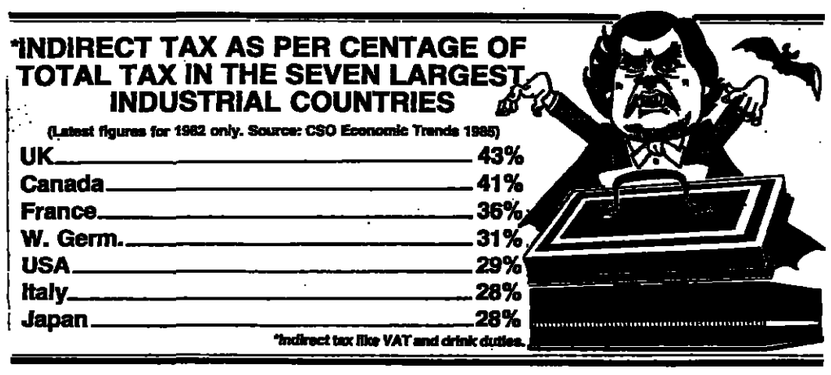
THE DECISION to take VAT away from the dealings between credit card companies and their outlets has the odd effect of adding a minimal amount to credit card costs.

Even on the basis that the consumer always pays, there should not be any increase in charges to the shopper.

The retailers pay credit card companies a percentage of turnover to be able to use their card. This ranges between 2 or 3 per cent but can be higher. At present the retailer pays VAT on the amount but from May 1 will not have to.

In return the banks, who in this case have been acting as VAT collectors, will no longer be able to offset the sum against their own VAT payments. For a bank like Barclays this will add some £4 million a year, which is only a tiny part of the total.

The Chancellor expects to save up to £20 million in a full year from credit card and charge card companies who will not have this bonus any longer.



TAX DODGERS

Crackdown on VAT

TOUGHER rules for collecting VAT payments will be contained in legislation later this year which could add nearly £1 billion to government revenue by 1990.

The Chancellor plans to implement the proposals of the 1980 Keith Committee which recommended a crackdown on tax dodgers and late payers.

It expects an extra £50 million of revenue in the next financial year from more accurate VAT assessments, particularly from taxpayers who do not complete their tax returns.

A fall in VAT arrears should bring a once-for-all increase of £600 million and a further £150 million should be recouped from surcharging non-payers and collecting penalties.

Higher covenant ceiling expected to raise £10m

CHARITIES

By Tony May

CHARITIES are always grateful for help, so the Chancellor's three measures to help them were naturally well-received.

However the Charities Aid Foundation was only "mildly thrilled" by the change on covenanted donations, which took the ceiling for higher rate taxpayers from £5,000 to £10,000. Charities think that people covenanting this amount a year usually favour arts foundations or subscriptions.

The CAF expected the measure to bring in £10 million a year of extra income to charities, not much set against the £7 billion which they raise annually.

The National Trust should gain most from a change which gives extra capital transfer relief on amenity land surrounding a building of outstanding historical or architectural interest.

Another measure extends VAT relief to computer equipment given to hospitals, health authorities, non-profit making research institutions or charities helping the handicapped.

There will be zero rating, provided that the computer or peripheral equipment can be shown to be solely for use in research, diagnosis or treatment, and has been bought through charitable cash raising or with voluntary funds.

There has been pressure for this measure since 1983 when it was decided that computers could not be regarded as medical or scientific equipment even when used in medical applications. Partial tax relief has been available for two years for software

Company car costs another 10pc

PERKS

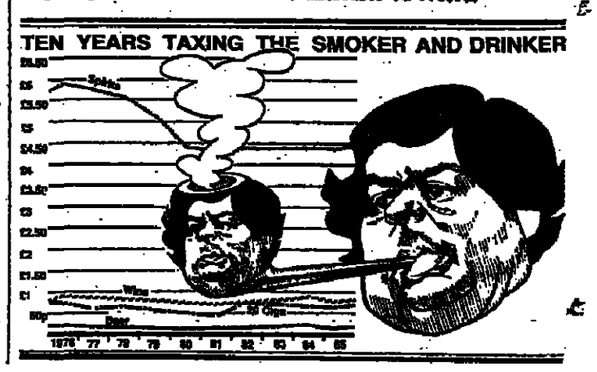
By Andrew Cornelius

Taxation of company car and fuel benefits will increase by 10 per cent in 1986/1987 for those employees earning £8,500 or more. For the average company motorist driving a 1600cc car this will mean paying £3.32 a week in tax (double if he gets petrol too) compared with £3.03 in 1985/1986. The tax on car perks was first introduced in 1977-1978.

Motor manufacturers had been expecting an increase of 5 per cent, in line with inflation.

However, the chancellor maintains that the amount of taxation is still well short of the benefit gained

Owners are taxed according to the number of miles driven each year. Those driving more than 18,000 business miles each year are charged at half the basic rate and those driving fewer than 2,500 miles pay double.



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It may be safe for the City, but is it safe for Mr Lawson?

NOTEBOOK

Hamish McRae

THAT WAS not the budget which Mr Lawson had intended to produce. The would-be reforming Chancellor was reduced to a salvage operation, his intentions swept aside in the three month run-up to the budget.

Three things combined to make what might have been a radical budget become a "safe" one. The miners strike bit into the funds available to sweeten tax reform.

The January run on sterling, with its devastating impact on the level of UK interest rates, upset the plan to boost the economy through lower rates. A backbench revolt scuppered any substantial change in penson fund taxation.

There is a hint of what the budget might have been in Mr Lawson's ideas for personal taxation, which will be further outlined in the forthcoming green paper.

Don't believe that guff about his not making radical changes in the tax system without giving time for discussion. He did not introduce a green paper for the changes in corporation tax last year which, in their way, are just as significant as anything he might do to personal tax allowances.

He did not bring out a green paper outlining the changes in National Insurance payments. He would have announced changes in the allowances system this year if he could.

But he did not have enough money to play with, or enough credibility in the backbenches, to make a go of it.

Instead we got something that is safe. Or at least it is safe in its macro-economic outline, in the sense that the figures are expected and — unlike the public spending exercise earlier this year — at least they add up.

Safety required the keeping of the Medium Term Financial Strategy, with its steady reduction in money supply targets. No matter that the targets will have to be redefined soon to take into account changes in our financial structure. To do that might raise suspicions in the markets. So there was no dickering there.

Safety required a setting of a Public Sector Borrowing Requirement which was acceptable to the City. The £7 billion figure is fine; just what the markets expected and not too many fiddles in getting there.

Safety required allowing for a margin of error in forecasting public spending. Since the Government habitually overshoots its target, it was prudent to allow a larger contingency reserve and a larger allowance for interest costs.

All of us who said that the public spending forecast announced earlier this year was far too optimistic have had our caution rewarded.

The Chancellor will receive his little reward, too, for his caution. Since there is nothing much in the budget to surprise the markets, they will go ahead with the planned cut in base rates they have been waiting to carry out for a couple of weeks.

This has more to do with the strength of sterling than the budget, but it will be encouraging when the markets chop one per cent off base rates, probably in two bites of 0.5 per cent each, over the next couple of weeks. If the plunge of the dollar continues, we might even get more.

In the micro-economic aspects of the budget, Mr Lawson was a little more adventurous. The changes in National Insurance contributions are more than welcome. Anything which reduces the cost to the employer of adding low-paid staff must be welcome.

The changes will go a long way towards ending the curious anomaly where it is far cheaper for a company to pay two part-timers than it is to create one new full-time job.

If the rise in employer contributions for the highest paid will in fact constitute a new tax on the highest paid workers — those in the financial services industry in the City — then that also seems fair.

Until the accountants have done their sums it is difficult to assess the additional burden on the financial services industry, but we are surely talking about something over £100 million. This substitutes neatly for any new financial services tax.

The aim of the national insurance changes is not just to clobber the companies who employ expensive staff; it is to help create jobs at the bottom end of the scale.

Exactly the same goes for the more direct job creation measures. Will they do so in the time-scale needed?

For here is the rub. Last year's budget was supposed to be a budget for enterprise and for jobs. We may have got some enterprise out of it, and you can argue that the economy last year did indeed create a lot of new jobs.

But it did not create enough to check the inexorable rise in unemployment. Time is now running out for the Chancellor.

This budget is billed as a budget for jobs. The test is whether unemployment will be lower a year from now than it is today. His broad strategy remains to use "safe" financial policies to engender a sufficient fall in interest rates to carry the economy this year to its projected 3.5 per cent growth.

Meanwhile he hopes the "supply side" measures to encourage a more efficient labour market will start to help reduce unemployment.

It is conceivable that together these policies will have started to bite into unemployment. But it is a race against time, and Mr Lawson does not have very much time at his disposal.

Index-linking trims capital gains liability

CAPITAL GAINS

By Robin Stoddart

Owners of private companies, large shareholders, and second home owners will be able to sell the assets with a much-reduced liability to capital gains tax (CGT) if they have held them for several years, as a result of extra reliefs allowed after April 5.

Index-linking will apply to the market value of assets held on March 31, 1982, when freedom from taxation of "gains" arising from inflation was first allowed by the previous Chancellor. Initially, indexation was based on purchase cost.

The general concession that annual gains of £5,900 for each individual are tax-free applies in the next fiscal year after the increase of £300 in line with inflation.

In what is intended as a simplifying measure, the qualifying period of a year before indexation begins is abolished. This will allow the pooling of multiple purchases of the same shares, which will avoid identification difficulties on sales.

Fixed interest stocks will not, however, qualify for first year indexation until March 1986, when the provisions against bondwashing — taking interest as capital — come into effect.

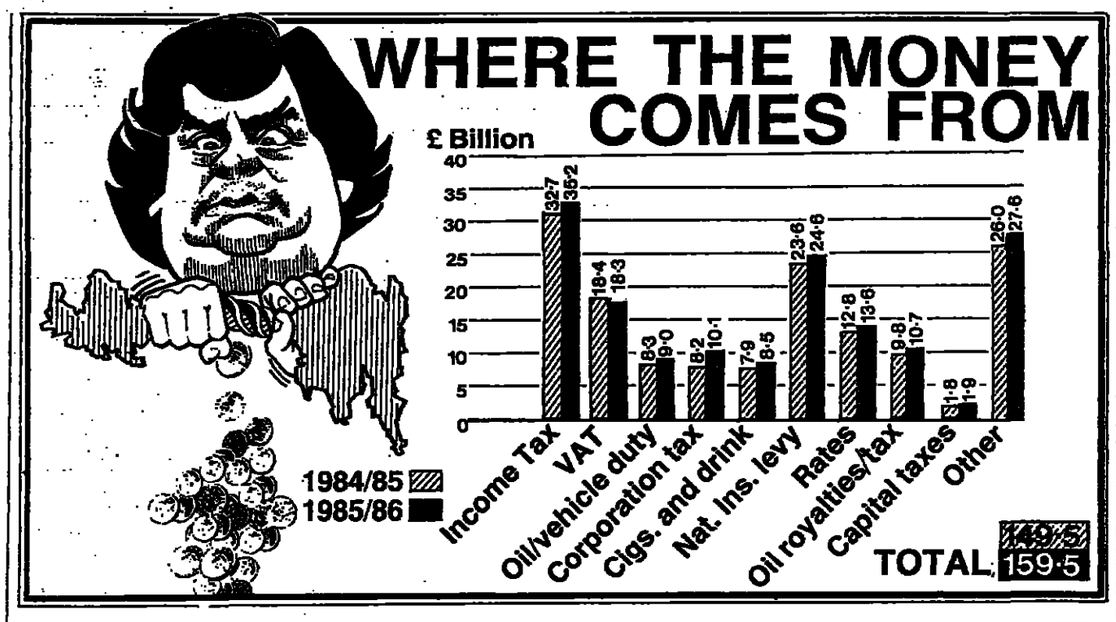
Relief of gains tax up to £100,000 has been available on the sale of a business or part of it on retirement at 65. The age at which this extra relief applies is lowered to 60 and extended to those retiring earlier on grounds of ill-health.

Long-term investors will derive large benefits from the increase in indexation allowance. The increase in property and other values that took place during the period of highest inflation in the mid-70s will now qualify for indexation after March 1982, along with amounts spent on improvement.

The gain up to that time remains taxable, but in many cases the indexation allowance for CGT purposes on a sale is being increased several times over by the Chancellor's latest concession.

For the first time, losses incurred on the sale of an asset will also qualify for an indexation allowance. This has the effect of turning what previously appeared to be gains into a loss for CGT purposes.

There are to be additional provisions for multiple transfers of assets among connected persons which may cause additional charges where a controlling shareholding has been accumulated or dispersed.



BUILDING SOCIETIES

Payment periods parallel the banks

By Peter Rodgers

THE CHANCELLOR has changed the way building societies pay their £2 billion a year composite rate tax bills, which in future will have to be quarterly rather than once a year. This brings the societies into line with the banks, which from next month will also have to pay composite rate tax once a quarter to the exchequer.

Composite rate tax is deducted at source from interest payments to depositors at a special rate of 25 per cent. The banks were brought into this system following an announcement in the last budget, and they pressed strongly for equal treatment on payment periods with the societies. An annual payment brings a big cash flow saving when compared with once every three months.

The Government has chosen different starting dates for the quarterly payments; from May for the societies but from April for the banks.

The Building Societies Association said that the cost, in terms of interest lost on the early payments, would be less than 0.5p on the 67p it costs societies to administer every £100 of deposits.

The Chancellor has decided against using the composite rate tax payment system to bring forward money into an earlier financial year, so there is no significant benefit to the borrowing requirement—though the exchequer will get the funds earlier.

The Chancellor is also allowing societies to issue bonds in the Euromarkets, outside Stock Exchange jurisdiction, by letting them pay interest without deduction of tax to non-residents.

The limits to investments to which composite rate is applied — £30,000 for a single account and £60,000 for a joint account — will be abolished, and societies will also have to tell the Inland Revenue about certain interest payments.

CONSTRUCTION

Removal of tax welcomed

By Andrew Cornelius

THE construction industry welcomed the scrapping of development land tax which was widely viewed as one of the most inefficient levied by any government.

The tax was introduced in 1976 and was charged at 60 per cent on the disposal of an interest in land or on the commencement of a development project. The Chancellor yesterday said that abolition will save £5 million in collection costs each year and bring forward the supply of land for development. Abolition will cost £20 million in 1985/86 and £50 million in a full year.

Builders and estate agents predicted that the decision will help ease the blockages in the supply of land. However, the Housebuilders' Federation, which represents leading builders including Barratt, Wimpey, and Tarmac, said that the Government still had to overcome more fundamental problems which prevent land being made available for development, including delays caused by the planning system and local authorities.

There was also concern among builders and civil engineering contrators about the failure to rejuvenate the economy by increasing public spending on infrastructure

The Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors, which represents 450 firms in the industry, said that it was disappointed that the Chancellor's "budget for jobs" had failed to recognise the contribution which construction can make in real jobs.

Documents for stamping reduced by 40 per cent

STAMP DUTY

By Margareta Pagano

THE axing of stamp duties, one of the country's oldest forms of taxation, will reduce by 40 per cent the number of documents that need stamping, but many of the amounts involved are so small that the reforms are unlikely to have any real effect on people's pockets.

The main reform is to cut the 1 per cent duty on gifts, which is at present payable on any transfer on a voluntary basis. This goes from March 26.

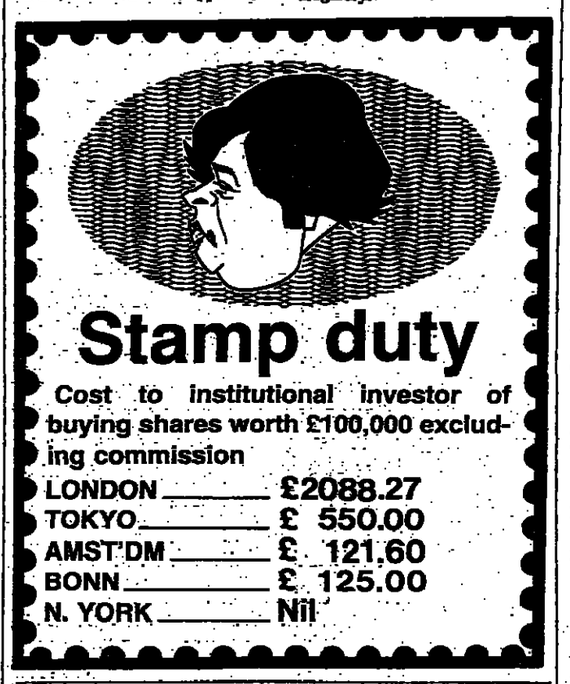
The repeal of a contract note duty on notes sent by stockbrokers to their clients advising them on the sale or purchase of shares will also have minimal effect. The rate of duty at present is 10p on deals up to £500, 30p on deals between £500 and £1,500, and 60p on deals over £1,500.

Although the City was not expecting any cut in stamp duty paid on share transactions, it was disappointed that the Chancellor has not followed through the Government's commitment to wider share ownership.

Stamp duty revenue brings in £260 million, and the Stock Exchange has lobbied the government for years for its abolition. Stamp duties ranging from 5p to 50p are also to be abolished on 13 fixed duties for services such as covenants, deeds, revocation, and warrant of attorney.

Other duties to be changed included stamps paid on deeds of family arrangement, transfer of property on the break-up of a marriage, and relief for company takeovers. Stamp duty will be removed for transfer of shares in a company which is taken over in exchange for shares or other securities.

House sales will be speeded up from next January after dropping the requirement that purchases have to produce the conveyancing documents — whether or not duty is payable — to the Stamp Office. These can now go direct to the Land Registry.



MARKET REACTION

Interest rate cut awaited

By Peter Rodgers, City Editor

THE CITY was last night expecting an early base rate cut of about 1 per cent, after a 3 per cent surge in the pound to $1.1365 on the foreign exchanges because of a weak dollar and pre-budget confidence that the Chancellor would please the markets.

City commentators welcomed an austere though boring budget but the building societies appear to be sticking to their plans to raise the mortage rate 1 per cent when they meet tomorrow.

Senior officials maintained that it would take 2 per cent off base rates—rather than the 1 per cent which seemed the more likely last night—to prevent the planned mortgage rate rise from April 1.

They said that the morrgage rate had got too far out of line with bank interest rates, and 1 per cent off base rates would not drastically alter the position.

There would have to be a rapid rise in sterling and a clear prospect of a second 1 per cent cut in base rates, before the rise would be postponed, according to one executive who pointed out that the inflow of funds to the societies was still very low while mortgage demand was picking up.

The societies could rapidly call a second meeting to reverse their decision if interest rates do fall further. The Chancellor's budget determination to maintain interest rates at a level high enough to reduce inflation by controlling money supply has to be set against the damage to the retail price index caused by higher mortgage rates.

The pound surged in heavy trading on the foreign exchanges, where it peaked at $1.1445 and still closed 2.98 cents higher than the night before at $1.1365.

The pound shot up early 2 cents more by early afternoon in New York, where it was trading at $1.1550, and was also strong against currencies such as the German mark.

A New York dealer said that "the British budget is taking a bit of a back seat. It is not so much sterling strength now as dollar weakness." He blamed nervousness about recent financial collapses in the US.

Although the dollar continued to weaken in London, prompting hopes that it is finally on the way down after its recent surges, the pound was also strong in its own right, and went up firmly against key Continental currencies.

It was up 2.5 pfennigs against the German mark to DM 3.7226, its strongest for a long time, and the average value of the Bank of England sterling index closed .1 point higher at 74 per cent of its 1975 value.

'Dreary' measures dismissed by firms who sought incentives

SMALL BUSINESSES

By Clive Woodcock

A CLEAR lack of enthusiasm was evident in the response of the small business sector to the measures announced. "Dreary," said one lobby group.

One or two individual measures were welcomed, but in general the feeling was that few incentives to expansion had been given to existing firms and that again there had been little improvement in the position of unincorporated businesses.

A proposal which was welcomed was the consultative document on wages councils, on which Mr Bill Poeton, of the Union of Independent Companies felt that there should be some sort of control to ensure that sweatshops could not continue or return, but that action was needed where wages council activities had acted against jobs.

Mr Poeton took the unusual view of welcoming the extension of VAT, commenting that the UIC was in favour of moves to shift the burden of taxation from direct taxes to indirect. "We believe that the fact that 60 per cent of tax raised is from personal incomes is a disincentive to enterprise", he said.

A chartered accountant, Mr Barry Baldwin, an adviser to the UIC felt that not enough had been done on capital gains taxes to provide encouragement for small businesses, such as capital transfer tax.

"He has still not made the Business Expansion Scheme attractive to smaller firms which have difficulty in raising equity finance. We believe that money raised and disbursed so far under the scheme has largely gone to firms which would have been able to raise equity finance anyway.

"It is disappointing that the Chancellor has not really given any encouragement to firms which would be able to expand".

The National Federation of Self-Employed was pleased with the reductions in national insurance contributions for the self-employed. "This will encourage more people to become self-employed," said their spokesman, Mr Ralph Jackson. There was, however, disappointment at the fact that nothing had been proposed on capital allowances for unincorporated businesses, who were put at a disadvantage by changes in last year's budget.

He welcomed the introduction of VAT relief on bad debts, but commented that it was overdue.

The proposals on graduated entry into the national insurance net were welcomed by Mr John Cochrane, chairman of the taxation committee of the Association of Independent Businesses, but he was disappointed at the lack of movement towards a "save and spend" strategy for smaller firms in the taxation field.

He pointed out that small firms are still taxed on the same basis as large firms, even though their needs and requirements are different.

The chief executive of the Forum of Private Business, Mr Stan Mendham, described the budget as dreary, and said that although borrowing costs had risen by 30 per cent this year the national insurance changes would reduce small firms' costs by only 5 per cent. "High interest rate costs cause a loss of jobs, and the other changes do not offset this".

National insurance trap for directors

PENSION FUNDS

By Joe Horner

ALTHOUGH the widely anticipated change to pension fund taxation did not materialise, one announcement which may affect the pensions industry was the lifting of the ceiling on the amount of income against which an employer must pay national insurance contributions.

It is, in effect, an additional tax on high incomes but it is to be paid by the employer.

In smaller companies where the directors are also the shareholders the employee-director will ultimately bear the extra tax. To some extent it will be possible for him to escape it because, following the withdrawal of the investment income surcharge last year, he may be able to take additional mony as dividend rather than as earned income.

However, many directors of this type of company have not made much provision for their retirement in past years and are currently trying to pay as much as possible into pension schemes.

The amount they can pay in is related to the anticipated pension they can earn, which in turn is related to earnings.

A person in this category is, therefore, sometimes eager to draw a much higher remuneration than he would normally need or want to draw. The additional national insurance contribution will be a deterrent to taking high remuneration and may therefore indirectly reduce the amount going into private pension funds.

Help for traders on the depreciation of assets

CAPITAL ALLOWANCES

THE CHANCELLOR responded to criticisms of the capital allowances system by announcing changes to allow traders to take some short-term assets out of the basic capital allowance system and write them off over their effective rate of depreciation.

For some years the tax system was designed to encourage traders to keep equipment up to date because the cost of many assets could be charged against profits under the capital allowances system rather than merely having depreciation written off.

Last year Mr Lawson announced changes to that system which meant that assets had to be written off over a much longer period, even though that was often at a much slower rate than their true rate of depreciation.

The Equipment Leasing Association who drew attention to the potential anomaly, was cheered yesterday to learn that traders will now be able to elect to treat some short-life assets out of the basic "simplified" capital allowance system and write them off over their effective life.

Another reform of the capital allowance system is that traders are to be allowed relief on certain items of plant which they were previously denied. This was where the plant was installed in a leased building and therefore technically became the property of the owner of the building.

FUTURES

Markets boosted

THE CHANCELLOR has given a boost to the burgeoning markets in commodity and financial futures and traded options.

Certain futures and options contracts now charged under income tax will in future be treated as capital gains, removing a tax disincentive to investing in futures.

Mr Michael Jenkins, chief executive of the London International Financial Futures Exchange said the abandonment of the inequitable treatment meant that futures market users would be taxed in the same way as if they were buying and selling the underlying cash commodities or financial paper.

The London Commodity Exchange was delighted that futures and options would be put on the same footing as other forms of investment in the City and Stock Exchange.

Property rush halted

BUSINESS EXPANSION

THE rush by property development companies to attract investors' funds under the Business Expansion Scheme has been halted.

Property companies are to be outlawed from the BES, which allows individuals income tax relief if they invest £40,000 a year in new companies. The Chancellor's move, which takes effect from today, was widely expected in response to criticisms that property companies were not in keeping with the job creation spirit of the scheme.

In recent weeks there has been a surge of new property-based schemes, brought forward in anticipation of the ban. Individuals who put money into them will still qualify for tax relief.

In the last six months well over a dozen property companies have slipped through the government loophole, which excluded financial service companies under the original 1983 legislation but failed to stop property developers from exploiting the tax concessions on offer. In last year's budget the Chancellor made a similar move to ban the number of farmland schemes which had sprung up.

Paper loss planning ploy stopped

PARTNERSHIPS

By Joe Horner

ONE FORM of tax planning (some people would say tax avoidance) is to be brought to an end. It operates where a person becomes a limited partner in a partnership which makes a loss.

As the law stands it seems that it is possible for this person to have a paper loss for tax purposes which is much bigger than the actual amount of money lost. Thus someone who has lost £20,000 in a venture may be able to show that tax relief is due on, say, £90,000, and if his income is taxable at sufficiently high rates he could save tax of up to £54,000.

A test case on the effectiveness of this scheme has been heard by the Court of Appeal, where it was held that the scheme did succeed. But the Inland Revenue has obtained permission to take the appeal to the House of Lords. It is thus possible that the scheme did not attract the full tax saving. However, even if the decision is upheld the law will be changed so that it does not apply to losses after budget day.

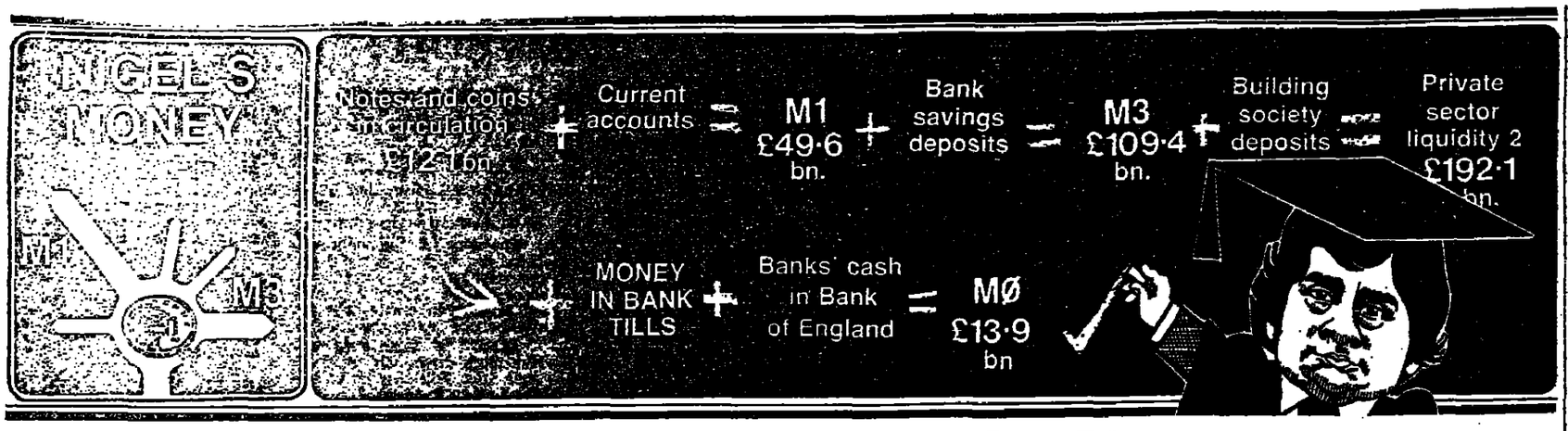
The scheme was particularly applicable to the financing of films. Capital was attracted to this area of investment because of the tax treatment which would not otherwise have gone there; presumably the closing of this loophole will cause this source to dry up.

One of the peculiarities of the British tax system is that self-employed people are not taxed for a particular tax year on the basis of the income earned in that year — their assessment is based on the income of an earlier period. Sometimes two or three years' assessments can be based on the income of one year, and sometimes some profit does not form the basis of any assessment.

This system usually gives a small advantage to a business, but some businesses who can ensure that it is low profit which is assessed more than once and high profit which escapes assessment can enjoy a very distinct advantage.

It is particularly easy for large partnerships to benefit from these arrangements because they can choose between two methods of assessment each time a new partner joins or a partner leaves. The law is now to be changed to make it harder to manipulate the system.

The new laws will apply to partnership changes taking place after budget day. It might still be possible for advantage to be gained, but in order to control the advantage under the new system partnerships will need to be extraordinarily longsighted in order to estimate their profitability several years ahead.



Fifth year of expansion forecast by Treasury

GROWTH

By Victor Keegan

THE TREASURY'S forecasts, which it is obliged by law to publish twice a year, look forward to economic growth of 3.5 per cent in 1985, which would be the fifth successive year of expansion. This compares with 2.5 per cent last year.

However, Mr Lawson told the House that about 1.25 per cent of this year's growth was really postponed from last year. Thus, the miners' strike has provided the Government with an illusion of accelerating growth between the two years.

Monetary policy is to be kept tight with the target growth in the traditional measure of money, Sterling M3 (cash and bank deposits) held unchangel at 5 to 9 per cent.

The Chancellor emphasised that he was giving equal weight to the more recent addition to the monetary family, MO, consisting mainly of cash and notes in circulation plus banks, cash balances at the Bank of England.

The Public Sector Borrowing Requirement (the excess of Government spending over income) is to be held to £7 billion, as trailed in last *year's budget. But because* the miners' strike inflated the 1984/5 PSBR to an estimated £10.5 billion (instead of a forecast £7 billion) there is a quite sharp reduction (in terms of the proportion of the whole economy *taken up by borrowing) from* 3.25 to 2 per cent between the two years. The reduction of borrowing as a percentage of the economy is at the heart of the Government's financial strategy.

Britain's balance of payments is expected to recover strongly this year from the effects of the miners' strike, from £51 million to £2.5 billion. The Government looks to these figures to confirm that it has achieved its objective of sustainable growth without rekindling inflation. This policy will face its serverest test next year when the "catch up" effects of the miners' strike have faded away and when economic growth in the US may have *slackened.*

The main area where Government forecasts have gone awry is unemployment, which has stubbornly refused to fall. No new forecasts are given in the budget statement, which means that the most recent prediction is the three million figure given as a working assumption to the Government actuary at the time of the autumn statement.

	What was forecast in March for 1984	November's revised forecast for 1984	What happened 1984	November's forecast for 1985	Yesterday's forecast for 1985
Economic growth (Gross Domestic Product)	+3 pc	+2½ pc	+2½ pc	+3½ pc	+3½ pc
Spending by consumers	+3 pc	+2 pc	+1½ pc	+3 pc	+3 pc
Government and local authority, current spending	+0 pc	+1½ pc	+1 pc	+1 pc	+2 pc
Investment (private and public)	+6½ pc	+7½ pc	+6½ pc	+3 pc	+2 pc
Exports	+5 pc	+5½ pc	+6½ pc	+4½ pc	+6½ pc
Stockbuilding (change as pc of GDP)	+½ pc	-½ pc	-½ pc	+1 pc	+0 pc
Imports	+7 pc	+7½ pc	+8½ pc	+4 pc	+3½ pc
Balance of payments (current account)	+£2 bn	nil	+£51 m	+£2.5 bn	+£3 bn
Public Sector Borrowing Requirement (excess of spending over revenue)	£7.2 bn	£8.5 bn	£10.5 bn	£7.0 bn	£7.0 bn
Retail price index (fourth quarter to fourth quarter)	+4½ pc	+4¾ pc	+4.85 pc	+4½ pc	+5 pc
Unemployment (GB excluding school-leavers)	2.85 m	3.0 m	—	3.0 m	—
Money supply (Sterling M3)	+6-10 pc	+6-10 pc	+9½ pc		+5-9 pc

All measured at constant 1980 prices, allowing for inflation, except retail prices and where indicated. All calendar years except financial years for borrowing, unemployment, and money supply.

Balance sheet changes leave targets intact

MEDIUM TERM STRATEGY

By Christopher Huhne, Economics Editor

THE Chancellor reaffirmed his determination to hold to the medium term financial strategy he had previously announced, the purpose of which, he said, was "nothing less than the defeat of inflation.

"We have *not* wavered from that purpose, nor will we," he said, beginning his speech. True to his word, the targets which had previously been announced for both the permissible growth of the money supply and public sector borrowing as a proportion of national income have been retained.

However, the composition of revenue and expenditure which allows the Chancellor to claim that he is still on course, has undergone big changes since his autumn statement in November, and even larger ones since the last budget in March 1984.

Though the target for the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement in 1985-6 is held at £7 billion or 2 per cent of gross domestic product, this disguises a rise in the public spending planning total since November of £2 billion, a further £1.5 billion allowed in extra interest payments and other adjustments, to give total public spending at £159.5 billion.

This is £5.5 billion higher than the total estimated in the autumn statement and £7.5 billion higher than the figure for 1985-6 in the last budget. Only a rise in estimated government revenue of £1.5 billion since November and £3.5 billion since the last budget have saved the Chancellor from having to announce a rise in taxation to hold to his borrowing target.

Three main factors appear to account for this very large change to previous estimates. On the spending side, the Chancellor has to contend with some run-on costs from the miners' strike in 1985-6, the addition to spending due to special employment measures worth about £100 million, and his decision to allocate a further £2 billion to the reserve for unforeseen contingencies to reflect widespread disbelief that he could hold to previously announced planning totals in the face of pressures from local council spending and public sector pay. In addition, the sharp rises in interest rates have escalated debt servicing costs, not included in the planning total by £1.5 billion.

On the revenue side, the Chancellor has once again revised upwards his estimate of government oil revenues to reflect the higher sterling oil price of a commodity priced in recently rising dollars. This has added a further £1.5 billion to estimated oil revenue in 1985-6 compared with November's estimate, leaving a total at £13.5 billion, up £4 billion on the last budget.

Interest and other receipts by the Government to some extent offset the increase in debt servicing costs on the national debt, with a rise of £1.5 billion to £12 billion.

Clearly, the experience of such major estimating changes will lead to considerable caution in assessing the Chancellor's view of prospects beyond the next financial year, but once again very large changes are evident on both the expenditure and revenue sides, similar to those for 1985-6.

The crucial political figure of the "fiscal adjustment" — or the room which the treasury believes that the Chancellor will have in future for tax cuts — has been cut by £1 billion to £3.5 billion in 1986-7, and by £¼ billion to £3 billion in each of 1987-8 and 1988-9.

The cumulative "fiscal adjustment" or tax cuts, is thus expected to have built up by 1987-8 — a possible election year — to only £3.5 billion compared with the equivalent £6.5 billion posited in the last budget (though £¾ billion was "given away" yesterday). This is enough at present prices to cut the standard rate of income tax by barely more than three pence in the pound.

However, it is possible that the Chancellor will be able to squeeze more than this since it is clear that the enlargement of the public spending contingency reserves and other estimating changes make his public spending projections much more robust than before.

Though the targets for public sector borrowing as a share of national income have been maintained, this is now said to imply a slightly higher cash figure of £7.5 billion in 1986-7 due to a higher figure for money national income.

The ranges of monetary growth allowable for the narrow measure of MO—notes and coin plus banks' cash at the Bank of England—and for sterling M3, which *includes bank accounts*, are unchanged at 3-7 per cent and 5-9 per cent respectively in 1985-6 and declining by 1 percentage point each year thereafter.

No new targets have been set, though, for a fourth year of 1989-90, though this has been the practice in the past. The "Red Book" says that equal weight will be given to the performance of MO and sterling M3.

RANGES FOR GROWTH OF THE MONEY SUPPLY*

Measure	1985/6	86/7	87/8	88/9	89/90
MO (narrow money)	3-7	2-6	1-5	0-4	x-x
SM3 (broad money)	5-9	4-8	3-7	2-6	x-x

* per cant per year

£43m for higher education technology

EDUCATION

By John Fairhall, Education Editor

AN EXTRA £43 million to provide about 4,000 more engineering and technology places in higher education, and an extra £25 million for in-service teacher training related to the Technical and Vocational Education Initiative were announced. Both programmes involve shifts in administrative practices.

Industrialists will have a big say in which universities will receive the extra money, and the new teacher in-service training will be administered by the Manpower Services Commission until legislation can be introduced for 1986-7.

The £43 million for extra engineering and technology places is in response to industry's complaints about a shortfall of graduates.

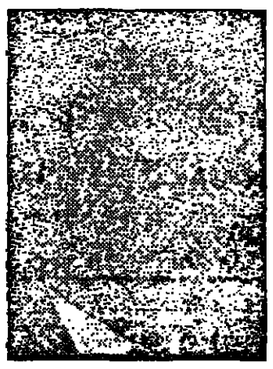
The universities which will receive the first year's £11 million will be named by the University Grants Committee early next month, but industrialists on a committee set up by the Confederation of British Industry have already ranked universities in order of what the Education Secretary, Sir Keith Joseph, described yesteday as "perceived industrial worth and cost effectiveness." Sir Keith said that the Government would be looking to industry to offer concrete support to the expansion.

The Prime Minister yesterday wrote to 30 leading industrialists, inviting them to a meeting and telling them that the future of engineering and technology higher education depended on their commitment and support.

The radical change in the funding of in-service teacher training would be in two stages, Sir Keith said in a written answer after the budget speech. In 1985-6 the scheme would be administered by the MSC, which would be asked to spend £5 million. An extra £20 million would be made available for 1986-7.

The second stage should follow in 1987-8 after legislation has been introduced to enable the Government to make grants to local education authorities which could be used only for in-service training, and could not go into the block grant.

Sir Keith's announcement was condemned by the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, which said his determination to control from the centre the in-service training of teachers employed by local authorities could "only end in state domination of what is taught in our schools."



Sir Keith Joseph: looking for support

WAGE COUNCILS

King set to limit work of inspectors

By John Ardill

PROPOSALS for abolishing or radically altering wages councils will be published this week by the Employment Secretary, Mr Tom King, the Chancellor announced yesterday, to the dismay of unions who see the councils as an essential safety net for the low paid.

The councils set minimum pay level for about 2.7 million workers in shops, the clothing industry, hotels and catering, agriculture and other areas where pay is low and workers tend not to be unionised. About three-quarters of those covered are women, and for some councils the workers covered are almost entirely women.

The Government, which believes the councils stop employers taking on workers at wages the unemployed would be prepared to accept, has been running down the inspectorate which enforces the minimum rates.

More than two in five employers visited by inspectors last year were paying below *the statutory rate, which the* Employment Secretary sets on each council's recommendation.

The councils are made up of employers, worker representatives and independent members. Rates are low: *£47.50 for a 40-hour week is* the hairdressing council minimum rate for an adult shampooist, for example.

Four-way strategy to include more training places for young

JOBS PACKAGE

By John Ardill, Labour Correspondent

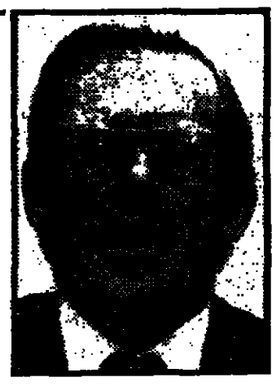
THE CHANCELLOR announed a four-pronged strategy to create jobs but failed to convince his critics in the Labour movement who saw his budget as a missed opportunity to providing real employment growth. The elements are expanded training, further deregulation of the labour market, raised income tax thresholds and restructured National Insurance contributions.

The first part concentrates *not* on immediate job creation but training through an extension of the Youth Training Schenme for 16- to 18-year-olds and the Community Programme, which provides temporary jobs for the long term employed.

From April next year, YTS will be extended to provide two years work-related training for 16-year-olds and one year for 17-year-old school leavers. Transitional arrangements will allow as many as possible of this years 16-year-old leavers to move on to a second year of training.

Depending on successful consultation with employers, unions and others, the Government will provide an extra £125 million in 1986-87 and £300 million in 1987-88 on top of planned YTS expenditure. But Mr Lawson made it clear that employers will have to provide extra funds, and that the cooperation of firms and unions is vital.

He said the main aim was a better trained workforce but the plan would also be a large step towards the objective of ensuring that every young person under 18 was either in full time education, a job, or receiving training.



Mr Tom King—to announce wage council changes.

The Community Programme, *providing 130,000* jobs, will have a further 100,000 places by June 1986. The two measures are estimated by the Government to reduce unemployment by over 150,000 in two years time and by nearly 200,000 by the spring of 1988.

The Employment Secretary, Mr Tom King, said the schemes would be built up to provide more than 750,000 places

The second measure, which brought the strongest condemnation from unions yesterday, is to increase the qualifying period for complaints of unfair dismissal from one year to two.

Mr King said the risk of unjustified involvement with unfair dismissal cases and the cost of industrial tribunal proceedings were often cited as detering employers from giving more people jobs. The change would apply only to those starting work with a new employer after the changes took effect.

Mr King will also issue a consultative document this week about radical changes *in the wages councils system*, which sets minimum wages in a number of low paid areas, such as shops, hotels and catering, the clothing industry and agriculture.

The third step, raising the income tax thresholds by twice the rate of inflation, is estimated to take some 540,000 people of working age out of tax. The Government says low thresholds weaken the incentives for the low paid, discourage *young people from starting* work and are a large cause of the poverty and unemployment traps.

A 50 per cent relief for class 4 national insurance contributions paid by the self employed on profits taken, with a reduction in class 2 national insurance contributions, would further assist the rapid growth of self employment, the chancellor said.

Changes in the National *Insurance structure would* reduce by almost £900 million the cost of employing some 8.5 million people earning less than £130 a week. It would cost a business £3 a week less to employ a young person or unskilled worker *at just below £90 a week.*

The changes, coming into effect in October, would further increase the take home pay of some 3.5 million people with earnings below £90 a week, on top of the effect of income tax changes. Taken together, a single young person earning just below £90 would take home about £3 more.

Tapping the market

BONDS

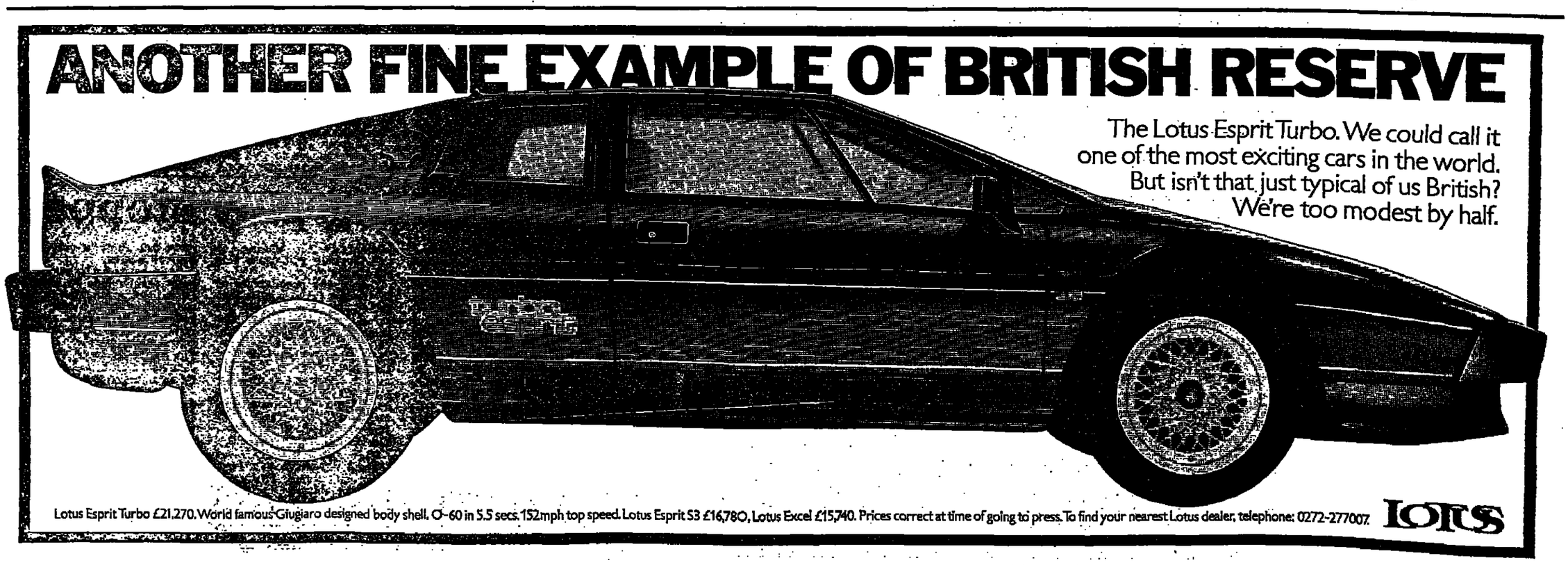
By our City Correspondent

COMPANIES on the Stock Exchange will now be able to make regular bond issues following changes to the Banking Act which will allow them to tap the short-term bond market.

Growing interest by companies encouraged the Chancellor to make this move, which is keenly supported by the Bank of England. Companies will be able to issue bonds which have a minimum maturity of one year and can be traded only in denominations of at least £100,000. They can carry either fixed or floating rates of interest. At present the maturity is confined to less than five years.

Up to now companies have been prevented from making such issues because under the Banking Act regular issues amount to running a deposit-taking business. Under the act only banks or deposit-takers have been permitted to do so.

The Bank of England will also be able to approve the amount and period of top issues.



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Lawson pins job hopes on NI shake-up

BOX OF TRICKS: Chancellor Nigel Lawson and his wife, Therese, leaving 11 Downing Street for the House of Commons. Picture by E. Hamilton West

CHANCELLOR'S SPEECH

THE CHANCELLOR of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson, opened his second Budget speech at 3.52pm yesterday to a traditionally crowded Commons.

He told MPs: "Today I reaffirm the Government's determination to hold to its course, the purpose of which is nothing less than the defeat of inflation. We have not wavered from that purpose.

"But the defeat of inflation, essential though it is, is not enough. We must also do what we can to combat the scourge of unemployment.

"My Budget today has two themes: to continue the drive against inflation and to help create the conditions for more jobs."

Mr Lawson said: "Once again we can look back on a year of steady growth and low inflation. During 1984 as a whole, inflation remained at around 5 per cent. Output grew by a further 2½ per cent with investment up by 6½ per cent and non-oil exports by 9 per cent to reach half-time record levels in each case.

"Manufacturing industry recovered particularly strongly, with output up by 3½ per cent — the biggest rise in any single year since 1973 — exports up by 10 per cent and investment by 13 per cent.

There were Labour jeers when he said: "Moreover, this progress has been achieved in the teeth of the coal strike, for which, in the short-term, the nation has had to pay a heavy price.

"In the current financial year the coal strike has reduced the level of national output by over 1½ per cent and worsened the balance of payments by some £4 billion. It has increased public expenditure by £2½ billion and public sector borrowing by £2¾ billion. It has cost us confidence abroad and jobs at home."

But Tories cheered when he added: "The costs, both economic and constitutional, of submitting to this strike would have been infinitely greater than the costs that have been incurred in successfully resisting it."

"While there can be no disputing the strength and durability of the economic upswing, there is equally no disputing the fact that it is marred by an unacceptably high level of unemployment."

Capital gains tax reduced

After voting the problems caused by the reserve value of the dollar, the Chancellor said the Government was determined to maintain steady downward pressure on inflation.

"The Government's economic strategy has two key components: a monetary policy designed to bring down inflation and a supply side policy designed to improve the competitive performance of the economy.

"The way to improve economic performance and create more jobs is to encourage enterprise, efficiency and flexibility; to promote competition, deregulation and free markets; to press ahead with privatisation and to improve incentives.

"The case for lower taxation rests on supply side policy: lower taxes will help to enhance incentives, eliminate distortions, improve the use of resources and heighten the spirit of enterprise.

"The great mistake of postwar demand management, which still has some devotees today, was to react to rising unemployment by injecting more money into the system, whether through the Budget or through the banks. So far from halting the upward trend of unemployment, this simply generated runaway inflation. That course we will not follow.

Mr Lawson told MPs: "Last year I set target ranges of 4-8 per cent for narrow money and 6-10 per cent for broad money. Over the 12 months to mid-February, the targeted measure of narrow money grew at around the middle of its range, and that of broad money at just below the top of its range.

"For next year shall be retaining the same two target aggregates. I attach equal importance to both. The target ranges for 1985-86 will be those indicated in last year's MTFS — that is to say, a reduction in monetary growth of 1 per cent in each case."

Mr Lawson said that while monetary policy was at the heart of the Medium-term Financial Strategy, it needed to be buttressed by an appropriate fiscal policy.

"The outturn for the PSBR for 1983-84 was £9¾ billion, or 3¼ per cent of GDP. In my Budget last year I planned to reduce it substantially in 1984-85 to £7¼ billion, or 2¼ per cent of GDP. In the event, this year's PSBR looks like turning out at £10¼ billion, or 3¼ per cent of GDP — the same as last year.

"All but 2½ million of this substantial overrun is directly attributable to the cost of the coal strike.

"But it is now necessary to return to the path I outlined last year. That means that the PSBR for the coming year, 1985-86, will be set at £72 billion, equivalent to 2 per cent of GDP. As this year, some £3 billion will be financed through National Savings."

For the coming year, a substantial reduction in the PSBR must take precedence over our objectives for reducing the burden of tax, he said.

Mr Lawson said: "The normal pre-budget review of the fiscal prospect has had to take account of changes in the economic scene since the Public Expenditure Review in the autumn.

"Of these, the most important has been the coal strike, whose public expenditure cost in 1984-85 is estimated at some £2 billion — about £1 billion more than allowed for in both the Autumn Statement and the Public Expenditure White Paper, which explicitly assumed that the strike would end at Christmas. There will also be some further cost in 1985-86.

"It now looks as if this year's public expenditure planning total will be exceeded by nearly £3½ billion, of which over two-thirds is attributable to the coal strike. But quite apart from the coal strike, the upward pressures on public spending remain intense, not least from increased take-up of social security benefits and further local authority overspending. In addition, since the White Paper was prepared, we have had to accommodate the effects of higher interest rates and a lower exchange rate."

Mr Lawson said he had therefore reassessed the adequacy of the Reserves for 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 provided in the January White Paper. In order to provide a more realistic basis on which to plan and control the level of public spending he judged it "prudent" to add £2 billion to the Reserve and thus to the White Paper planning totals for each of the three years. Also he had further increased the estimate for debt interest in each year.

The Chancellor said that calls on the Reserve will still be judged on the strictest critera.

There is no slackening in our determination to curb the size of the public sector. Public expenditure will continue to fall as a proportion of GDP, as it has, the coal strike apart, since 1981-82.

"On the other side of the public accounts, tax receipts, too, are now expected to be higher over the next three years, partly for related reasons. But not by as much.

"The scope I have for tax cuts this year is therefore only half the amount I indicated might be available in my statement to the House in November.

"The net effect, after indexation, of the measures I shall shortly announce will be to contribute some £¾ billion to the £7 billion borrowing requirement I have set for 1985-86."

The Chancellor said that in determining the nature of those measures, within the overall framework of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy, his overriding objective had been to improve the prospect for jobs, a statement greeted by laughter.

This means, he said, jobs created by firms that are competitive, efficient, profitable and well-managed. This in turn required a workforce with the right skills, one adaptable, reliable, motivated and prepared to work at wages that employers can afford to pay.

He said he wished "to construct a pattern of taxation that does least damage to incentives; and in particular does least to deter people from taking jobs at wages that businesses can afford.

"If it were possible to create jobs simply by boosting Government borrowing and Government spending there would be no unemployment in the world today, for nothing is easier for a Government than to borrow and spend. Impatience is a bad counsellor.

Mr Lawson said one of the most long-standing problems in Britain was the failure to prepare school-leavers adequately for work. Since its launch in 1983 the Youth Training Scheme had proved a successful bridge between school and work, and had helped to make young people's pay expectations more realistic.

Too many trainees, however, were still reluctant to accept rates of pay which reflected their inexperience, and too many employers still failed to recognise that training was an investment in their own commercial interest. This was in marked contrast to our major competitors overseas.

Mr Lawson added: "The Government has therefore decided to promote a substantial expansion of the Youth Training Scheme. Provided employers contribute a major share of the cost, the Government is prepared to provide further funds to launch this new initiative, over and above the existing £800 million a year of public expenditure on the YTS.

"The expanded scheme would offer places lasting two years for 16-year-old and one year for 17-year-old school-leavers, leading to a recognised qualification.

"The expanded scheme will also involve occupational training for both the employed and the unemployed, geared to the needs of business and industry.

"In the long run we would expect employers to meet the full cost, but I recognise that such a major change in atittudes may take time. I am therefore prepared to set aside a fixed sum in public funds to launch this initiative.

Budget for lowly paid

"The Employment Secretary will be arranging consultations through the Manpower Services Commission. We aim to complete consultations by the end of June, so that a second year will be available for as many as possible of the 16-year-olds leaving school this year.

"Provided the outcome is satisfactory, I have undertaken to increase the Department of Employment's programme by £125 million in 1986-87 and £300 million in 1987-88."

"I am also providing the MSC with an additional £20 million in 1986-87 to finance a programme of appropriate in-service teacher training courses."

Mr Lawson added that it had become increasingly evident that output of graduates in high technology disciplines was not keeping pace with the expanding needs of industry.

The Education Secretary, Sir Keith Joseph, would be announcing later today a special programme, costing around £40 million over the next three years, to provide additional places in engineering and technology at selected higher education institutions.

The Chancellor referred to the problem of the long-term unemployed genuinely seeking work. Under the Community Programme, local authorities and voluntary bodies provide temporary work for the long-term unemployed on projects of community benefit.

"This scheme, which at present provides 130,000 places, has proved its worth, with a significant proportion of those who leave it going on to other jobs. I have therefore agreed to make funds available to provide an additional 100,000 Community Programme places by June, 1986. These places will be for 18 to 24-year-olds who have been unemployed for six months or more, and other adults who have been unemployed for over a year.

Effect of miners' strike

"The net addition to public expenditure as a result of all the proposals I have just announced will be £75 million in 1985-86, £300 million in 1986-87, and £400 million in 1987-88.

"The Employment Secretary, Mr Tom King, will be extending to all employers, the provisions on unfair dismissal which currently apply to small firms" (Labour shouts of "disgraceful"). "The qualifying period for unfair dismissal claims will thus become two years for all new employees. This is a reasonable period of time and should lessen the reluctance of some employers to take on new people."

In addition, Mr King would be issuing a consultative document about the future of the Wages Councils later this week. "Wages Councils destroy jobs by making it illegal for employers to offer work at wages they can afford and the unemployed are prepared to accept. This applies in particular to small employers and to youngsters looking for their first job. The document will cover a number of proposals for radical change, including complete abolition."

Mr Lawson said his budget would carry forward the theme of tax reform he set out last year. He proposed to issue a Green Paper later this year on the reform of personal income tax. "The Green Paper will discuss a range of options opened up by computerisation.

"It is the Government's firm policy to reduce the burden of income tax. But we need to make sure that the reliefs we can afford are concentrated where they will do most good."

The present structure of personal income tax was far from satisfactory. Too many young people started paying tax at too low a level. And too many families found themselves in the poverty and unemployment traps.

"The system discriminates against the family in which the wife stays at home to look after the children. It denies to the partners in a marriage the independence and privacy in their tax affairs which they have a right to expect," he added.

There was therefore a strong case for changing to a new system of personal allowances more suited to today's economic and social needs. Under this, everyone, man or woman, married or single, would have the same standard allowance, the unused portion could be transferred, if so wished, to their partner.

"This reform would produce a more logical and straightforward system," added Mr Lawson. Far more people could be taken out of the poverty and unemployment traps, and out of tax altogether than was possible under the present system.

"It would end the present discrimination against the family where the wife feels it right to stay at home, which increasingly nowadays means discrimination against the family with young children.

"Husbands and wives would each be taxed separately on their own income, irrespective of the income of the other. The aggregation for tax purposes of a wife's earned income and investment income with her husband's would end, thus removing what has become an increasing source of resentment among women."

"It would be possible to legislate in 1987 and have a system on these lines in place by the end of the decade," Mr Lawson said.

"There is also a case for changing the tax treatment of pension funds, as part of thorough-going reform of the tax treatment of personal savings generally. Any fundamental reform of this kind would, in the same way, need to be preceded by the publication of a Green Paper. I have no such Green Paper in mind.

"Nor do any of the detailed budget proposals affect the tax-deductibility of pension fund contributions, the tax-free nature of pension fund income and capital gains, or the anomalous but much-loved tax-free lump sum.

"The right way to reform Capital Gains Tax is to build on the important change made by my predecessor three years ago, when he introduced the 1982 indexation relief. That relief, valuable though it is, suffers from three serious limitations.

"First, indexation does not cover the first 12 months of the ownership of any assets.

"I am now in a position to remedy this defect. I announced last month measures to put an end to the practice known as bondwashing, the principal device for converting income into less heavily taxed capital gains. Having done that, I now propose to abolish the 12-month rule." So far as most disposals were concerned, this would take effect from April 6.

"Second, the indexation does not at present extend to losses. I propose to remove this restriction," the Chancellor said.

"Third, the present indexation provision unfairly discriminates against those who acquired their assets prior to 1982. For them the allowance is based not on the 1982 value of the asset but on its original cost.

"I now propose to remedy this injustice. The indexation allowance will henceforth be based on March, 1982, values, capital gains made prior to 1982 will still not be indexed, of course; but at least all purely inflationary gains made since that date will now be free of tax irrespective of when the asset was acquired."

"Combined with the statutory indexation of the exempt amount, which will rise in 1985-86 to £5,900, these changes will remove some 15,900 taxpayers from liability altogether."

"The combined cost of the reform I have announced is £155 million in a full year; but none of it falls in 1985-86."

Mr Lawson said that he had decided to simplify and modernise the "ancient stamp duties."

"I propose to sweep away 15 separate duties, including the contract note duty, and the 1 per cent duty on gifts. The changes should reduce by over 40 per cent the number of documents which require to be stamped."

The Chancellor's final proposal for reform concerned Development Land Tax, which he described as a particularly complex tax, introduce in response to the problem of soaring land values at a time of high inflation. Its chief practical effect was to discourage the bringing forward of land for development.

"I have therefore decided to abolish Development Land Tax altogether, with immediate effect. At the same time I propose to cancel all deferred charges under the tax. The net cost will be some £20 million in 1985-86 and £50 million in a full year.

The Chancellor stressed that it was businesses and not governments that create jobs.

"The government's responsibility is to foster the conditions which will encourage businesses to grow and create more jobs. The measures I have to announce are designed with that end in view.

"Given the particular importance of expenditure on research and development in British industry is to hold its own in a competitive world. I have decided, exceptionally, not to reduce the Scientific Research Allowance in line with the changes in the other capital allowances. A few minor changes apart, the allowance will remain at 100 per cent.

"I have decided to modify the new capital allowance system as it applies to short life assets.... From next year, a business will be able to exclude from its general pool of capital expenditure any asset which it believes will have only a short life; so that if the asset is subsequently scrapped after, say, four years, it will be fully written off for tax over that period.

Jobs creation programme

"The benefit to business could rise to about £300 million in the early 1990s."

Mr Lawson said his only proposal for change in North Sea oil taxation was "to remove immediate Petroleum Revenue Tax relief for onshore exploration and appraisal expenditure. "Onshore activities are sufficiently low-cost not to need this special incentive.

"I turn to a group of measures of particular importance to smaller businesses and the self-employed.

Higher tax threshold

"I propose to implement many of the proposals contained in last year's consultative document on Capital Gains Tax retirement relief, notably to reduce the age for full relief to 60 and to extend relief to those who are obliged by ill-health to retire before that age.

"I have two changes to propose to the Business Expansion Scheme. The scheme was designed to encourage investment by individuals in new and expanding businesses in risk areas.

"I propose to include within the scheme companies formed to carry out research and development. By the same token I propose to exclude from the scheme certain ventures which primarily involve property development. Building and construction will, of course continue to be a qualifying trade."

The Chancellor said he proposed to increase the VAT threshold for small businesses to £19,500 from midnight.

Mr Lawson said that over the past five years the ranks of the self-employed have risen by well over half a million — some 30 per cent. But the self-employed suffer from one long-standing grievance so far as tax is concerne. While the National Insurance contribution paid by an employee could not be set against tax, the National Insurance contribution paid by the employer on the employee's behalf could. Yet none of the National Insurance contribution paid by the self-employed could be set against tax at all."

Mr Lawson told MPs: "Today I propose to remedy this grievance. As from April 6 tax relief will be allowed for half the graduated Class 4 National Insurance contribution paid by the self-employed. In addition, I have agreed with the Social Services Secretary that, as from the beginning of October, the flat Rate Class 2 National Insurance contribution payable by the self-employed will be reduced from £4.50 to £3.50 a week.

"The benefit of these reliefs to the self-employed will be £55 million in 1985-86 and £155 million in a full year." He said it was "a substantial package of measures to help small business and the self-employed."

Mr Lawson said: "I propose to increase the revenue from the excise duties by rather more than is required simply to keep pace with inflation — a less painful task now that inflation is relatively low.

"I propose to increase the duty on cigarettes and hand-rolling tobacco by the equivalent, including VAT, of 6p

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Kinnock attacks strategy that fails Britain

KINNOCK'S REPLY

By Colin Brown

THE Labour leader, Mr Neil Kinnock, condemned the Chancellor's proposals as "a stalemate budget which would fail Britain again."

What the country needed was a budget of expansion, opportunity, justice, enterprise, and most of all jobs, he said. "This staggering Chancellor has in the face of all these calls simply given us a stalemate budget, a budget that is giving with one hand and taking away with another.

"He is turning his back on millions of unemployed and young people. He has turned his back and waddled away from them, and he won't be forgiven for doing that."

The least the Chancellor could have done was to announce an additional £3,500 billion for investment with repairs to housing, roads, sewerage, gas, and electricity supply industries, training, and research and development. But, Mr Kinnock said, while he was prepared to find £2.5 billion to fight the miners' dispute, he was not prepared to do this to fight unemployment.

Mr Kinnock made a direct appeal to Tory dissenters to oppose the Chancellor's economic strategy. He said: "The Chancellor has told us he is battening down the hatches and holding a steady course. He is travelling in circles, and sinking all the time.

"What we want in this coming year is for people of conscience and some courage on the other side of the House to join with us and stop him from dragging our country down with him."

After welcoming the reduction in National Insurance contributions for the low paid, which was in the Labour Party's 1983 general election manifesto, Mr Kinnock said that Mr Lawson's comment about unemployment not being an option for the young sounded ominous from the lips of this Government.

He demanded an assurance from Mr Lawson that the Government was not proposing to withdraw suplementary benefit paid to those looking for work who could not find training schemes to suit them, further education, or jobs.

"My own father went to a training camp in the 1930s. The penalty for not doing so was the withdrawal of dole. Fifty years later it may be that young people are being offered exactly the same as a consequence of not taking a kind of forced training."

Mr Kinnock demanded to know whether the Government intended to repeat "a tragic part of our history" by the reintroduction of this scheme. He said the whole country, and every youngster in it, would want to know the answer to that question.

Mr Lawson replied: "Had I any new proposals on that front to make they would have been contained in my budget speech".

Mr Kinnock said that the most squalid of all the promises the Government had undertaken on the labour market was the move towards the abolition of the wages councils.

These included the hairdressing wages council, with a minimum wage of £1.19 an hour, and the catering council, which guaranteed £1.17 an hour. A total of 10,000 notifications of breaches of the wages councils nationally were reported, but there were only two prosecutions. "If he is so concerned about personal freedom, he should get the inspectors to uphold the law," Mr Kinnock said.

The Chancellor had put a lot of work into his budget. "It is highly unlikely a lot of work will come out of his budget."

Mr Kinnock went on: "We heard all about a budget for jobs last year. In the succeeding year unemployment increased by 143,000. That has been the case with each of the other six budgets for jobs. All we have seen is a remorseless increase from 1.25 million unemployed to a total 3.25 million but actually 4 million unemployed. This budget will fail Britain again."

Unemployment was deeper and more socially and financially expensive than ever before. Action to fight unemployment was more necessary than ever before. "But there is very little that the Chancellor has said that properly recognises or properly responds to the fact that unemployment is the highest or the longest we have ever had."

The Prime Minister and her Government were creating despair, Mr Kinnock said. But the Chancellor had got himself into a position "where even his own plans for tax cuts are sabotaged by his own policies of higher unemployment."

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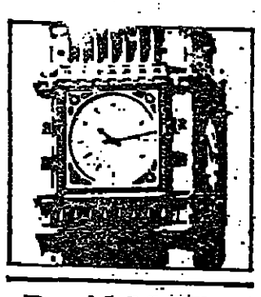
Flutters of relief and careworn rapture



David McKie

LAST year there was adulation, some of it near-ecstatic. Nigel Lawson was even talked off as a future party leader, which had never happened before — and which, given the knocks and bruises of his subsequent year, certainly hasn't happened since.

This year there was simply a guarded approval: respectable cheers, a flutter of order papers, but with something clearly held back, not least because many on the Tory benches couldn't have been sure at the close just what this Budget added up to, or even, in some cases, if it added up at all.

That partly reflected its intricate and technical nature, full of contrivances on which you'd need to study the pundits, consult a few people in the City or back home, before you could offer endorsements.

There were moments, certainly, which if they didn't touch last year's raptures still cheered the party more than this Chancellor has usually cheered it since. Sometimes they applauded his radical intentions, though often what pleased them most was radicalism in retreat.

No real changes in taxation of pensions — any move in that direction, Nigel said, would be preceded by a Green Paper, so they might like to know he had no Green Papers in mind.

No wholesale re-engineering of VAT. Newspaper advertising, yes, but newspapers themselves, books, children's clothes and shoes, all those endangered species round which backbenchers had rallied through the winter, were to be spared. He'd never even, the Chancellor said, had any of these areas in mind, any more than he'd planned to clobber pensions. But had he eliminated these potential victims months ago new and more accurate candidates might have been added.

The Tories laughed at that, though looking back at months of constituency anguish they may soon be complaining that, not for the first time, Nigel was being too clever by half.

The first big cheers came on wages councils, for the curb on their powers, the threat of subsequent extinction, and above all the declaration, bitterly resented by Labour, that "wages councils destroy jobs."

The changes on husband and wife taxation were cunningly presented, on one hand as bang in line with women's lib, on the other as justice for women who chose to stay at home; still, for many Tory MPs where — Prime Ministers excepted — they belong. The tax changes — disappointing in scope, but that had been well enough trailed to cushion the blow — were popular, too, with genuine approval for the Chancellor's emphasis on help for the hard pressed, and the National Insurance decisions, smartly saved till last, enthused them a lot, though Neil Kinnock did his best to knock the gloss off that by saying it had all been in the Labour programme at the last election.

But would it add up? Would it bring back the jobs? Especially in the marginals, and in time for the next election? Mr Lawson was emphatic that it would. His supporters, who've lived through false dawns before, sounded less confident.

Before Mr Lawson's Budget we'd had Dennis Canavan's — or rather the introduction of the Labour MP for Falkirk's 10 minute rule Bill to make Chancellors more accountable to Parliament.

"Continuous assessment" was what Mr Canavan, a former deputy head master, was after, with Mr Lawson and successors to be perpetually confronted by objective statistical accounts of the miseries they cause

To the horror of most Tories, Michael Shaw (C. Scarborough) sought, on this day of all days, to oppose it, so there was much relief when he declined to divide the House.

Others, though, were happier to keep the Chancellor waiting. Labour's Willie Hamilton and David Winnick assumed the guise of tellers against the bill, and four Conservative MPs — Esmond Bulmer (Wyre Forest), Elaine Kellett-Bowman (Lancaster), Robert Rhodes James (Cambridge) and John Ward (Poole), wedded to principle even on Budget Day, dutifully filed passed them.

Mr Canavan won by 103 votes to four. His Bill, even so, is unlikely to be heard of again.

No real impact on unemployment, says Tory wet

THE DEBATE

The first reaction from a Tory "wet" MP yesteraday to the budget was that the Chancellor's proposals fell short of what was required to make a real impact on unemployment.

Speaking in the debate which followed Mr Nigel Lawson's speech Mr David Knox (Leek), said: "He has done nothing to increase substantially the level of domestic demand. He has given no indication of any plans to stabilise the international monetary situation."

Mr Knox told the Commons that increases in economic demand did not happen automatically, the Government had to act through increasing public expenditure. "There is plenty of slack in the real economy to enable this to happen without any new surge in inflation," he claimed.

Mr Cyril Smith (Lib. Rochdale) said to describe the budget as "a budget for jobs" was the "greatest joke that he had heard from the Government frontbench for many a long year. If it has any effect on unemployment at all, it will be a minimal effect. This country needs a new basis of thinking and a new attitude towards unemployment," he said.

The Chancellor's first measure for creating jobs was to change the rules on unfair dismissal, said Mr Smith, and that simply made it easier for employers to sack people.

The second thing he had done was to propose the abolition of the Wages Councils. Mr Smith, a small employer himself, said he did not want the councils abolished because they protected his business from unfair competition and ensured that his competitors paid the same minimum wage rates as himself.

He said he welcomed measures to extend the Youth Training Scheme but said the Government's proposals made it seem a sthough it was "just an excuse to take people off the dole queue."

The individual reductions in taxation announced yesterday were welcome but if they were set against the background of increases in charges for gas, electricity, transport, corporation house rents and rates, then the whole package was extremely hard to bear.

Mr Knox: "Falls short"

Motorists give inward groan

PETROL

By John Hooper, Energy Correspondent

MR LAWSON burst through two psychological road barriers by pushing the price of a gallon of petrol beyond the £2 mark and increasing the cost of a tax disc to £100. The £2 gallon had been widely expected, but the swingeing increase in vehicle excise duty on cars and vans shocked the motoring lobby.

The AA Called it "a high priced budget for Britain's motorists. Millions will groan inwardly."

The RAC said: "Whilst the increase in petrol taxation is related to inflation, the increase in vehicle excise duty is deplorably in excess of inflation.

"This will hit hard marginal motorists in lower income groups who travel low mileages to cut their costs but have no way of reducing the cost of putting their cars on the road. Many of these are senior citizens who depend on their cars for personal mobility, especially in rural areas where there is a lack of public transport."

Petrol is to rise immediately by 4.1p a gallon (0.9p a litre), increasing the price of a gallon of 4-star from 199.6p to 203.6p. A typical gallon of 2-star will go up from 195.6p to 199.6p.

The AA calculated that the petrol and excise rises together would cost the average motorist an extra £21.32 a year. The RAC calculated that a motorist doing 10,000 miles a year would have to pay an extra £25.

The price of diesel will rise by 3.5p a gallon (0.8p a litre), but there was a much more muted reaction from the commercial transport lobby, which could also console itself with the fact that vehicle excise duty on most commercial vehicles will not increase at all.

The category which is affected includes some 150,000 heavy non-articulated lorries, the duty on which will go up by anything from £30 to £360. This represents an increase of almost 30 per cent in some cases.

The oil companies have pushed up the price of diesel in four stages by 34p a gallon (6.1p per litre) since last October.

Aviation gasoline is to rise by just over 2p a gallon (0.45p a litre).

● Spending by oil companies on the exploration and appraisal of onshore fields can no longer be set off against tht Petroleum Revenue Tax payable on other fields. The industry will be bitterly disappointed that Mr Lawson decided against including any incentives for getting additional production out of existing fields.

NI shake-up to create jobs

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on a packet of 20 cigarettes, from midnight on Thursday. I do not however propose any increase at all in the duties on cigars and pipe tobacco."

Mr Lawson proposed increases which, including VAT, would put between a penny and 2p a pint of most beer (depending on its strength); a penny a pint on cider, 6p on a bottle of table wine and about 10p a bottle on sparkling or fortified wine.

"In recognition of the current difficulties of the Scotch whisky industry, however, I propose to increase the duty on spirits by only 10p a bottle, well below the amount needed to keep pace with inflation." All changes would take effect from midnight last night.

The duty on petrol and derv would be increased by amounts which, including VAT, would raise the price at the pumps by approximately 4p and 3½p a gallon respectively. This does no more than keep pace with inflation. These increases were taking effect from 6 o'clock yesterday evening. There was no change in the duty on heavy fuel oil.

"For cars and light vans the vehicle excise duty will go up by £10 to £100." The pattern of duty on lorries "will be changed to correspond more closely to the amount of wear and tear they cause to the roads. While there will be substantial increases in duty for some of the heaviest, rigid lorries, for most lorries the rates will remain unchanged."

The excise duties would raise "an extra £820 million in 1985-86, some £235 million more than is required to keep pace with inflation. The overall impact effect on the RPI of these changes will be ½ per cent.

"Apart from one change I do not intend to make any further extension of the VAT base during the lifetime of this Parliament.

"The one extension I propose concerns newspapers and magazines. I propose that from May 1 newspaper and magazine advertising should be subject to VAT. This will raise £30 million in 1985-86 and £50 million in a full year.

Announcing his main income tax proposals, Mr Lawson said he was making no change this year in the rates of income tax. He believed it was right to concentrate on raising the starting point for tax, which gave proportionately more help to those on low incomes.

"The statutory indexation formula means I should increase all the principal income tax allowances and bands by 4.6 per cent, the increase in the RPI over the year to last December, rounded up.

"For the higher rate threshold and bands I propose this year to do just that. The first higher rate of 40 per cent will be reached at a taxable income of £16,200 and the top rate of 60 per cent will apply to taxable income above £40,200.

"For the basic thresholds I can do more. Statutory indexation would imply an increase in the single person's allowance of £100. I propose to increase it by precisely twice as much — (£200) from £2,005 to £2,205.

"Statutory indexation would imply an increase in the married man's allowance of £150. Again, I propose to raise it by precisely twice as much — £300 — from £3,155 to £3,455.

"I propose to increase the age allowance this year by the same cash amount as the corresponding basic allowances. Thus the single age allowance will rise by £200 from £2,490 to £2,690 and the married age allowance will go up by £300 from £3,955 to £4,225."

Mr Lawson told MPs: "Most single people will enjoy an income tax cut of at least £1.15 a week and most married couples an income tax cut of at least £1.73 a week. Some 800,000 people on low incomes — 100,000 of them widows — who would have paid tax if thresholds had not been increased, will pay no tax at all in 1985-86.

The changes will take effect on the first pay day after May 17. Their cost: £1.6 million in 1985-86.

Mr Lawson said there would be a radical reform of the structure of National Insurance contributions affecting both employers' and employees' contributions.

He said although he was unable to make a further substantial reduction in the overall burden of employment costs, he was abolishing the upper earnings limit for the employers National Insurance contribution, which for 1985-86 has been set at £265 a week. This was met with cheers from all sides of the House.

Mr Lawson said that at present an employer paid in National Insurance the same cash sum, which for the coming year would be roughly £28 a week, for employees above the upper earnings limit, regardless of whether they earned £15,000 a year or £50,000.

"Under the new and arguably fairer scheme I am now proposing, the employer's liability will be the same flat 10.45 per cent of earnings as at present applies below the upper earnings limit."

He added: "The £800 million raised by this change in a full year enables me to make a substantial reduction in the cost of employing people at the lower end of the earnings scale. There, instead of the uniform 10.45 per cent, I propose to introduce a system of graduated rates.

"As now, there will be no National Insurance payable for those earning below the lower earnings limit, which for 1985-86 has been set at £35.50 a week."

"For employees earning between this and £55 a week, the employer will in future have to pay only 5 per cent instead of 10.45 per cent; for employees earning between £55 a week and £90 a week the new rate for employers will be 7 per cent; and for those earning between £90 and £130 a week the employer will pay 9 per cent.

"The full employers' rate of 10.45 per cent will apply only for those earning over £130 a week."

He was introducing a similar system of graduated NI contribution rates for the employees themselves at the lower end of the earnings scale.

The current system made NI contributions a particularly heavy burden for the low paid, and in future, those earning between £35.50 and £55 a week would pay at the rate of 5 per cent and those earning between £55 and £90 a week 7 per cent. Only those earning above £90 a week would be liable to the full 9 per cent on their earnings.

"Under the changes, said Mr Lawson, "it will cost an employer £3 a week less to employ a young person or unskilled worker at just below £90 a week.

"A single youngster on just under £90 a week will pay about £1.80 a week less in NI on top of the reduction in his income tax bill of £1.15 a week.

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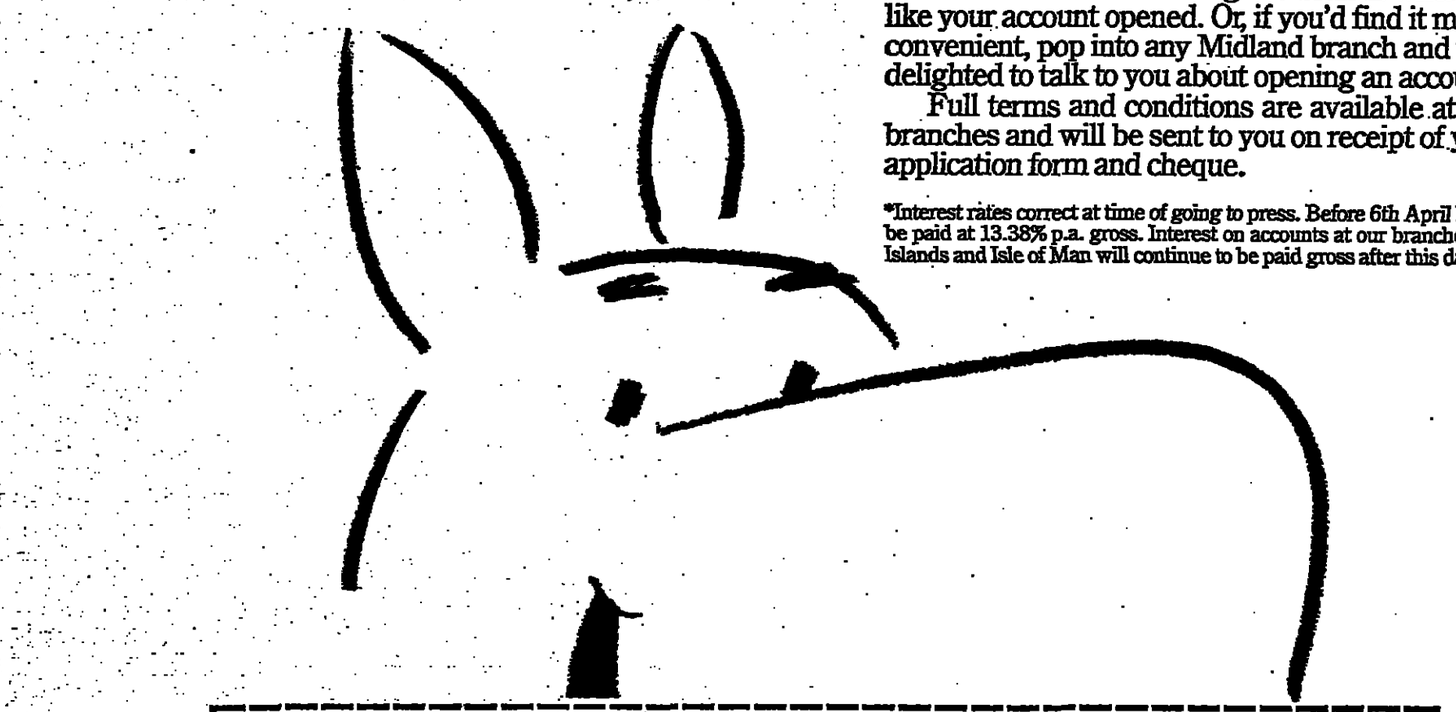

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From the Listening Bank

Ex-RAF officer helped kill deputy prison governor

IRA henchman with grudge gets life for murder

From Paul Johnson, in Belfast

An embittered former RAF officer and retired civil servant who believed he had been discriminated against as a Roman Catholilc "set up" the murder of a Northern Ireland deputy prison governor, Belfast crown court was told yesterday.

Owen Connolly aged 64, was given life imprisonment after pleading guilty to the murder of William McConnell who was shot dead in March 1984 by two IRA gunmen as he walked to his car outside his east Belfast home.

Connolly spied on Mr McConnell, a near neighbour, gave the killers refuge in his home, fed them, disposed of their weapons and disguises and led them out of the area after the murder.

Passing sentence, Lord Justice Basil Kelly remarked that how a man of his age, education and intelligence could "descend into the pits of murderous intrigue and violence" was almost beyond comprehension.

Connolly's wife, Margaret, 52, was bound over to keep the peace for five years after admitting failure to disclose information.

Owen Connolly — descent into violence

His daughter, Carmel, 23, a civil servant, pleaded guilty to the same charge and was given 12 months' imprisonment, suspended for two years. Both had known the night before the murder that Mr McConnell was to be killed by the IRA but they failed to inform the security forces.

Counsel for the prosecution said that the family was arrested when police on routine house-to-house inquiries noticed that the father was very nervous. A search of the home revealed a piece of paper which led to the family being taken into custody. It was not said what the paper contained but all three later made statements to detectives.

Connolly described how he had always had nationalist tendencies and began to mix with Republicans. His job was to look for targets, observe the movements of policemen and note car registration numbers.

The evening before the killing two men and a woman arrived at his home. They donned wigs, and disguise and carried weapons in a brief case. The gang then went to another house which was taken over for the night to be used as a base for the shooting.

Immediately after Mr McConnell had been gunned down in front of his wife and three-year-old daughter, the two IRA men came back to Connolly's home where they shaved off moustaches, were hidden and fed.

Defending counsel said Mr Connelly, a native of Northern Ireland, served in the RAF for seven years and became a flight lieutenant navigator, taking part in 30 bombing missions over Germany.

He then became a civil servant and was a senior clerical officer in the Department of Agriculture until retirement in 1983. However, during that period he believed he had been passed over for promotion because he was a Roman Catholic. He made a complaint to the Ombudsman but it was not upheld.

Secrecy attack on Wick A-test plan

By David Hearst

The Government was yesterday pressed for a full statement on its atom weapons testing programme in Britain, after the disclosure on Monday that Wick, in North-west Scotland, was considered as the site for an explosion involving radioactive material.

Scottish MPs yesterday tabled questions demanding more information on the revelation, which was made on the last day of the Royal Australian Commission's hearings in London on Britain's atomic bomb tests in the 1950s.

Mr Gordon Wilson, MP for Dundee East and leader of the Scottish National Party said: "The view from Whitehall obviously was that the Scottish natives, like the Australian Aboriginals, were totally expendable."

Mr George Foulkes, Labour spokesman on foreign affairs claimed that public records on atomic testing were being kept secret long after they were due to be released under the 30 year rule: "We need to know what other secrets similar to plans to explode atomic material in Scotland are being hidden," he said.

The commission was presented with a 30-year-old paper by Dr W. G. Marley, a scientist at Harwell Atomic Research Centre, in which the proposal to test at Wick radio-active material which would serve as a trigger to an atomic bomb explosion, was discussed. Dr Marley wrote: "My opinion is that such trials could be done in the UK."

But the commission heard how Wick was ruled out because its high rainfall might affect instruments used to monitor the tests.

Yesterday, a spokesman for the MoD admitted Wick was considered as a site for atomic weapons testing.

He said: "There was a proposal in the 1950s to carry out experiments in the Wick area involving the release of short-life radioactive material. This was Polonium, which has a half-life of 138 days. Polonium releases alfa particles, which generate neutrons to start a nuclear reaction going. This was not an atomic bomb-type explosion. "The proposal was not proceeded with as it was decided that Wick was not a suitable area. The chosen locale was Emu Field in Australia."

The commission heard evidence from Lord Penney, who was in charge of the atomic weapons testing programme in Australia. Lord Penney admitted that "in hindsight" at least one of the 12 nuclear devices tested in Australia, the Totem I test at Emu Field was exploded in unsafe conditions, when the wind conditions were too strong.

The Totem I blast in 1953 was blamed for causing sickness among Aborigines and for a black mist which fell on settlements down wind of the explosion.

The commission also heard how Professor Mark Oliphant, a leading independent nuclear physicist, had not been allowed into the control room to witness one of the early explosions because the American Government regarded him as a security risk. Sir Mark later became governor of South Australia.

The commission's hearings will resume on April 17 in Australia, where it will take evidence from Aborigines living near the Maralinga test range in Central Australia. It is due to deliver its report in December.

Britain opposes rights reform

From Malcolm Dean in Vienna

Britain yesterday opposed a series of radical proposals for making the procedures of the European Convention on Human Rights more effective at a meeting of European ministers in Vienna.

The United Kingdom restricted itself to signing a new protocol to the convention, which will allow the European Commission on Human Rights to divide into dual chambers to reduce delays for petitioners.

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Solicitor-General, in a closed session of the conference, rejected radical proposals drawn up by the Austrian and Swiss governments. He said: "The prudent course is to maintain the balance of the present structure."

Time was needed to consolidate the modest changes to the commission's procedures introduced by the new protocol, which is expected to be signed by all 21 member states of the Council of Europe.

Sir Patrick reminded the conference that Europe had achieved possibly the world's only effective international machinery for the protection of human rights.

This was because the founders of the European Convention had recognised the need to balance the rights of individuals with "the desire of states to maintain their own legal systems, their own institutional traditions and their own constitutional settlements."

The convention had achieved "a shrewd and generally serviceable balance" which should not lightly be disturbed. The European Convention had deliberately avoided superimposing the European Court on demestic systems.

The role of the convention's other two institutions, the commission and the committee of ministers of the council of Europe, had been important in persuading states to allow their citizens the right of individual petition.

They were still important, not just for reassuring the four states which still had to allow individual petition — Greece, Malta, Turkey and Cyprus — but for reassuring the 17 states which had already conceded the right.

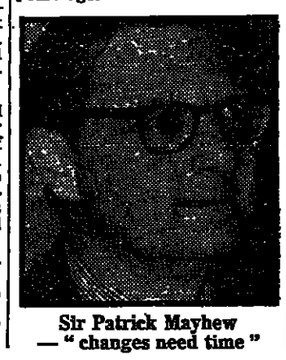
Sir Patrick said the European Commission was ideally suited to carry out its present functions of filtering out invalid applications and conciliating between national governments and petitioners where there was a valid complaint.

He suggested a merger of the commission and the court, which has been proposed by the Swiss, could have the opposite effect to its objective of reducing delays.

The commission's conciliation procedure led in many cases to a swifter implementation of the convention's objectives.

The British objections to the proposals for radical reform were expected. Britain has resisted a wide variety of radical proposals

It even resisted the idea of this week's conference, the first ministerial meeting in Europe on human rights since the convention was signed 35 years ago.



Sir Patrick Mayhew — "changes need time"

Mr Paul Watson and his wife, Joy, outside their home in Aberdare with the car they used to get him to work during and after the miners' strike. Demonstrators have accused Mrs Watson of helping to set up television pictures.

Picture: Chris Gregory

Police 'not at fault for attack on car'

By Paul Hoyland, Welsh Correspondent

The Chief Constable of South Wales, Mr David East, has countered claims that his force neglected its duty when demonstrators allegedly attacked a strikebreaker's car earlier this month.

Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, was reported to have been shocked by television pictures from the National Coal Board's Phurnacite plant, near Aberdare, mid-Glamorgan. An unmanned Independent Televison News camera in Mr Paul Watson's car showed one of its windows being smashed after his wife Joy had driven him to work.

Mr Brittan called for a report and Mr East has said in his reply that Mrs Watson drove to the smokeless fuel plant 35 minutes early without telling police of the change. There were no officers on duty.

Police have been providing protection since Mr Watson, aged 38, returned to work in November. There were more confrontations when the strike ended and police had kept in touch with Mrs Watson about the timings of journeys.

Demonstrators have accused Mrs Watson of "setting up" a situation in which ITN might get dramatic pictures if the police were not there. Mrs Watson, aged 42, said that she could not say why she had driven to the plant early. "We don't want to comment because there is an internal police inquiry," she said.

ITN said yesterday: "We did not ask Mrs Watson to go in early and there was no collusion or mystery about this.

When we asked Mrs Watson on air about the police absence she said she had told the police that she was going in early. The chief constable denied this.

"There were lots of journalists and a BBC television crew, as well as ourselves, waiting outside with the demonstrators.

Mr East has received 121 complaints from viewers accusing his force of failing to protect the Watsons. Mr East has said the events "at face value" reflected unfavourably on the police.

Police have tried to defuse trouble and prevented a BBC Radio reporter from travelling into the plant with the Watsons.

They have studied the ITN film in an attempt to identify demonstrators. One woman has been charged with throwing a stone at the car, and 11 other people, including three juveniles, have been reported for alleged public order offences.

Five men have been served at the plant for allegedly harassing Mr Watson and their cases have been taken up by Mrs Ann Clwyd, Labour MP for Cynon Valley.

Mistake by Met Office cut weather benefits

By David Hencke, Social Services Correspondent

Thousands of poor and elderly people will be offered a social security rebate on their quarterly fuel bills following the discovery of a Meteorological Office blunder.

Met Office staff admitted yesterday that a computer programme mistake led to one week's temperatures being substituted for another. The programme calculates average temperatures that are used to estimate social security payments for fuel.

Every payment made for exceptionally severe weather south of Merseyside and the Wash has been wrongly calculated. Thousands of people are due to receive rebates, and some who were ineligible will qualify for a small payment.

The Department of Health confirmed yesterday that instructions for payments have been sent to all regional controllers in England.

The letter says: "I am only too well aware of the difficulties involved in the review of old cases and am very sorry indeed to have to place this extra burden on local offices.

"The error was not of our making but, since it has led to claimants getting less than their full entitlement, we are duty bound to review cases and make good the underpayments."

The blunder is only the latest problem for the Government's complicated system of extra benefits for the poor in cold winters.

The system depends on regional weather station figures being compared with those of the previous year and averaged over eight and 13 weeks.

Scottish Labour MPs have complained that the system is discriminatory because this winter's weather has been too warm for Scots to qualify.

A row has also begun over the level of payments, shown to be as low as £2.07 in the Midlands and reaching just 43p to some people in the Isle of Sheppey.

The Department of Health was unable yesterday to calculate how many people had been wrongly paid or how much would be added.

The Met Office said the error was equivalent to just under 10 per cent and they thought that claimants who had been paid would receive about 10 per cent more.

EEC exhaust deal hope

By Paul Brown

Britain hopes to resolve disagreement with Germany over vehicle exhaust emissions when European environment ministers meet today.

Germany has been demanding the introduction of American systems and standards to reduce emissions by 75 per cent by 1989.

Britain and other EEC car manufacturers want to develop more fuel efficient engines which will cut emissions by 60 per cent. This will take longer but will be far cheaper per car to introduce.

Mr William Waldegrave, the junior environment minister, said yesterday that the Germans had so far refused to give way on the issue, but he felt that there was room for negotiation. Britain was prepared to bring dates for reducing emissions forward if the Germans were prepared to accept "home grown" technology.

Exhaust emissions are one of the factors which are causing serious damage to European forests, and there is heavy political pressure on the German government to stop pollution.

Mr Waldegrave was due to meet a group of European environmentalists on Monday but had to go to another meeting. He said yesterday that he had not snubbed them, and had invited them to another meeting.

He also accepted Britain had a case to answer on sulphur emissions and the problems of acid waterways in Scandinavia. He hoped to arrange a visit to Sweden to talk to the government and environmentalists there about the problem and Britain's response.

Through a variety of economic reasons, including the recession and conversion to North Sea gas, Britain had reduced sulphur emissions by 40 per cent, he said.

BMA angered by delay over drug list appeals

By Colin Brown, Political Staff

The health minister, Mr Kenneth Clarke, is likely to get a hostile reception tonight when he meets BMA leaders to discuss an appeals system for the limited drugs list which as passed by Parliament last night.

The Health Secretary, Mr Norman Fowler, admitted in the Commons on Monday that it would not be possible to establish the appeals system by April 1, when the limitation of drugs prescribed by the NHS comes into effect.

Seven Tory MPs voted against the proposal in the Commons early yesterday morning and there was criticism in the Lords when the order putting it into effect went through the upper House last night.

Mr Clarke will discuss with the BMA whether doctors should be allowed to prescribe before or after seeking permission to go beyond the limited list. One of the Tory MPs who voted against the scheme, Mr Michael Morris (Northampton South), said it was irresponsible to introduce it without the appeals system in place.

Mr Fowler, who was severely criticised by Mr Michael Meacher, the shadow social services secretary, denied that the list would be extended to prohibit more drugs on the NHS. Mr Meacher said Mr Fowler wanted to save money by reducing the profits of the drugs companies but the proposal failed to meet the recommendations of the Greenfield Committee on generic substitution.

Mr Fowler said that a conference would be convened with doctors to discuss ways of voluntarily reducing the amount of drugs prescribed. He also denied a report in the Guardian that the Government was considering a voucher scheme for GPs. He said: "That article is a load of nonsense. The Government has no plans to produce a voucher system and never has had."

The Government has a majority of 127 (332 votes to 205) in the Commons. In addition to Mr Morris, the other Tories who voted against the Government were: Mrs Ann Winterton (Congleton), Mr Nicholas Winterton (Macclesfield), Sir Dudley Smith (Warwick and Leamington), Mr Malcolm Thornton (Crosby), Mr Christopher Murphy (Welwyn and Hatfield), and Mr Richard Alexander (Newark).

Bus deal for employees

By Geoff Andrews and Peter Stonham

A county council has privatised its transport service under a £100,000 a year contract with a group of former employees.

East Sussex County Council yesterday signed a three-year contract with two former principal transport officers, Chris Brown and John Robins, to run the statutory transport co-ordination duties throughout their area.

The unusual move is thought to offer substantial savings to the council on its transport budget, which has come under pressure because of the change in the method of providing grants from central government.

With a staff of a dozen officers, who at present do the same work as council employees, the two men will run their operations from offices in High Street, Lewes, not far from county headquarters.

After three years the contract will be put up for renewal, but by then they hope that their company, Transport Design and Development, will have picked up work for other counties.

The privatisation of this function is particularly significant at the moment in the light of the impending legislation to deregulate local bus services.

The company will plan the provision of subsidies to loss-making local bus services, and the expansion of schemes like the "escort" multi-role rural bus service operating in the Lewes area and the shuttle high frequency services in Brighton.

Marquis broke into shop

REGISTERED drug addict the Marquis of Blandford, aged 29, son and heir of the Duke of Marlborough, yesterday admitted breaking into a London chemist's shop in an effort to obtain a heroin substitute.

Mr Eric Crowther, stipendiary magistrate of Horseferry Road court, remanded him on bail until April 15 for medical and social inquiry reports, and told him: "Looking at your antecedents, it is quite obvious you are yet another young person who showed every promise and had a good position in life.

"Yet you have succumbed to the blandishments of the most wicked people in our society, the capitalists who are exploiting young people."

After being told by the defence that Blandford was doing his best to overcome his drug problem and was attending Narcotics Anonymous daily, Mr Crowther said: "I am extremely happy you have taken steps to rid yourself of your addiction. One sees signs of all this in the pallor of your complexion.

"I assure you your suppliers will be around again. They will try not to let you get away.

Blandford, an insurance broker, of Draycott Place, Chelsea, West London, is in line to inherit a £40 million fortune as heir to Blenheim

He was charged with entering the Pimlico Green Pharmacy, Pimlico, Southwest London, with intent to steal on February 16. He also pleaded guilty to possessing 121 mgs of heroin.

At the police station, he told police he was a registered heroin addict and had been using the drug on and off for 3½ years.

The Marquis of Blandford — Victim of capitalists

More join pit ballot boycott

South Derbyshire miners have joined Nottinghamshire and refused to take part in today's national ballot for a 50p levy to set up a fund to pay sacked pitmen.

The area union has also received legal advice that the National Union of Mineworkers could not establish a fund while a receiver was handling its affairs. South Derbyshire decided to lift the overtime ban if the national executive meeting a week tomorrow does not deal with the issue. The ban would be lifted on the following Monday.

The executives of Nottinghamshire, South Derbyshire, and Leicestershire had received no reply to a letter asking for an NEC meeting to lift the ban and suspend the ballot, said Mr Ken Toon, general secretary of South Derbyshire miners.

"It would be impossible to hold an overtime ban in this area. Surface workers, who are on the lowest wages are adamant it cannot continue for any length of time, so it's better to lift it."

Last month Nottinghamshire lifted the ban, which came into force in November 1983, five months before the pit strike began.

Reports that the National Coal Board chairman, Mr Ian MacGregor, wants to set up a headquarters for himself and a few dozen key planners, possibly in Nottinghamshire, were described by the board yesterday as speculative.

However, an NCB official confirmed that the intention was to put more management responsibility into the regions, and that an announcement on reorganising the board's power base could be imminent.

"It is unlikely that the board's London headquarters at Hobart House would be given up. We have a long lease on the building at very favourable rates."

It has been suggested that Mr MacGregor might use the board's country mansion at Eastwood, near Nottingham, as a regional headquarters, but the task of repairing pits and assessing capacity, manpower and markets will take priority.

● Work resumed yesterday at Markham colliery, near Chesterfield, where 3,000 tonnes of coal were lost after about 1,600 men walked out over plans for a new maintenance shift.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Two Britons on aircraft charges

BRITISH engineers Mr Kenneth Clark and Mr Angus Paterson appeared in court in Lagos, Nigeria, yesterday charged with conspiracy to steal an aircraft and stealing an aircraft.

According to reports reaching London, their case was adjourned until April 24. The judge ordered that they should have access to the defending counsel before the next hearing.

Bodies found after siege

TWO MEN were found dead with shotgun wounds yesterday after an armed siege lasting nine-and-a-half hours at a bungalow in the Norfolk village of Buxton.

The victims were named as Richard Green, aged 28, whose estranged wife Gail, lived in the bungalow, and Christopher Adams, also 28. Their bodies were found at dawn by police who had surrounded the bungalow.

Fumes escape leads to fine

A CHEMICAL waste disposal company was fined £1,000 yesterday when it admitted that noxious fumes had escaped from its plant, affecting employees at an adjoining factory.

Re-Chem International Ltd admitted a summons at Hythe, new Southampton, that on September 17 last year at its Hythe plant it failed to use the best practicable means for preventing emission of noxious or offensive substances. Emission from a chimney included bromide and chlorine, the court was told.

Customs seize executive jet

A £5 MILLION executive jet aircraft, the 125, built at Broughton, Clwyd, by the state-controlled British Aerospace Company has been impounded by Customs and Excise officials because they suspect the firm buying it has links with South Africa.

A company in Swaziland has already paid for the plane which has been fitted out and painted to its specifications. The firm was due to accept delivery this week.

Fan who swore goes to gaol

A CHELSEA fan who swore at Sunderland fans outside Stamford Bridge on March 4 was gaoled for seven days at Horseferry Road magistrates' court yesterday. Gaoling warehouseman Paul Fraser of Belsize Park, stipendiary magistrate Mr Eric Crowther said: "I think the British public has had enough of this kind of nonsense. It is now the policy of this court to imprison all those found guilty of threatening behaviour at football matches."

New chief for Fabian Society

THE Fabian Society has appointed a new general secretary, Mr John Willman, aged 35, publications editor of the City accountants, Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co, and previously the editor of journals for the Inland Revenue Staff Federation.

Mr Willman, who was educated in Bolton and is a member of Tunbridge Wells Labour Party, will take over in May from Mr Ian Martin, who is taking a post with Amnesty International.

Inquiry into meals spending

LIVERPOOL city council has called in the Audit Commission to investigate overspending of £230,000 on equipment by its schools meals service last year. An internal inquiry is also to be held.

Monitoring procedures in the council's treasury depatment were criticised yesterday at a meeting of the education committee for failure to warn of the overspend.

Tablets of war in basement

TWO STONE tablets giving military details of the Battle of Torino in 1706 have been found in the basement of an old house at Boston, Lincolnshire, by workmen carrying out electrical repairs.

The tablets are believed to have been smuggled back to England by mercenaries who fought for Italy against France during the Spanish War of Succession.

Report criticises race row headmaster

Ray Honeyford

By Martin Wainwright

Confidential reports on a Bradford headmaster, who lost many pupils to a parents' alternative school earlier this month, suggest doubts about his commitment to multi-cultural educational pollicies.

On Friday, councillors will consider the position of Mr Ray Honeyford, aged 50, head of Drummond middle school in Manningham, where 90 per cent of pupils are Muslim. He opposed much of the multi-cultural policy during consultations in 1982 which preceded its adoption by all four parties on the council.

Parents became hostile after articles by the head in the Times Educational Supplement and the rightwing Salisbury Review.

Mr Richard Knight, Bradford's education director concludes his report to Friday's meeting with evidence of the rift between the head and the parents of some 280 of the 520 children.

Mr Honeyford, who does not accept the criticisms, will be supported by the National Association of Head Teachers. Its general secretary, Mr David Hart, said that the case would be fought through disciplinary procedures and the courts if necessary.

Mr Hart said: "Drummond is giving a very good education to its pupils and if Bradford stopped shilly-shallying and gave the head firm backing, I am sure the vast majority of parents would accept it."

Bradford education committee's Conservative chairman, Mr Eric Pickles, said Mr Honeyford should be given more time, but added: "We might be moving into the last act of the tragedy." The Conservatives are the largest council party but do not have an overall majority.

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Brussels summit could achieve real progress towards unity

EEC report urges new powers for Parliament

From Derek Brown in Brussels

A report urging radical reform of the EEC, including drastic curbs on the right of national governments to block Community measures, will be put to next week's European summit in Brussels.

The draft report also proposes increased powers for the European Parliament, and a new security and defence role for the EEC. The overall goal says the committee which drafted the report, should be the establishment of a European political and monetary union.

Publication next week will mark an important stage in the growing debate on *Europe's future. Successive* summits have solemnly pledged moves towards greater integration. This one will have before it at least an outline plan of solid action.

The report contains much ammunition for those who believe in the "two-speed Europe" theory — and those who like to blame Britain for the Community's failure to pull together.

Mrs Thatcher will be de*lighted with the report's strong* support for her own European priority — the establishment of a genuine Common Market.

The six countries which formed the EEC in 1958 — France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg — all support the principle of Community decision-taking by majority vote, save "in certain exceptional cases."

Britain, Denmark, and *Greece, believe that* where "very important" national interests are at stake, decisions should be unanimous. The Irish Republic objects to the wording of the final draft of the report, which does not explicitly refer to protection of vital national interests.

Ireland, the only neutral, non-Nato member state, also objects to the suggestion of an EEC security policy.

But the bulk of the formal reservations noted in the 35-*page report were entered by* Greece which clings fiercely to the principle of national autonomy within the Community.

Both committees will report to the Brussels sumit, although the national leaders are expected to wait until the following meeting in Milan in June for a substantive debate.

The institutional reform committee was chaired by Senator Jim Dooge, a former foreign minister of Ireland.

*The report complains of dif*ferences between member states, which have obscured the economic advantages of a truly common market and economic union.

The report calls for a strengthened European Commission, with one member *from each country*, and a President entitled to pick his own team, in place of the present system of government nominees. Even more expanded *powers are suggested for the* European Parliament, which is at present chiefly a consultative forum.

The Dooge committee wants it to be given effective legislative authority, with the right to debate and amend commission proposals

Mrs Thatcher is certain to oppose such extended power for the European Parliament, having little taste for the Strasbourg Assembly which *has so frequently criticised* British policy. As for the majority voting suggestion, the British view is that all countries have used the national right of veto in their own interests.

Spanish fishing pact near

From our own Correspondent in Brussels

THE European Community was close last night to set*ting accession terms on fish*eries with Spain.

The outline of a settlement, which has eluded ministers for many months and put in doubt the very fact of Spain's EEC membership, planned for January 1 next year, emerged in the third day of intensive talks by foreign ministers here.

The deal should give Spain's mighty 17,000-vessel fishing fleet restricted access to community waters. The number of vessels allowed, and their maximum permitted catch of specific species, remains in doubt. Officials *said that all matters of prin*ciple had been settled, and that the ministers were engaged in bargaining on numbers.

***The Spanish Foreign Min*ister, Mr Fernando Moran, told reporters he was still optimistic that the bulk of the negotiations would be concluded by the end of this week to allow Spain and Portugal to join by January next year.**

After agreeing that Spain should be integrated from the start in the fisheries policy, the ministers got down to hard bargaining over who should sacrifice what to allow Spain a share of their scarce fish.

The Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, emerged *briefly to predict that* the main accession terms should be settled by the end of this week. "It is very important that we make headway this week. We want to achieve progress before next week's European Council (EEC summit, he said.

Agreement on fishing should open the way to a global deal on other outstanding issues with Spain and Portugal. Diplomats here now expect accession treaties to be signed by the end of June. That should leave just enough time for all the EEC member parliaments to ratify the final terms in time for the enlargement deadline.

Star Wars slow Geneva talks

By Hella Pick

The new US-Soviet arms talks on reducing nuclear arsenals and preventing an arms race in space have run into heavy waters more quickly than had been anticipated.

The two superpowers hold *diametrically opposed views* about space weapons. The Soviet Union seeks to ban them. The United States, on the other hand is determined to pursue the Star Wars research project, and seeks to convince the Soviet Union that the Geneva talks should be *directed towards a joint exami*nation of the possible future role of space weapons in assuring mutual security.

These differences are so firmly held that they appear to be holding up procedural agreement on organising the Geneva talks into a more manageable forum for negotiations.

After yesterday's full plenary session, the second since the beginning of the Geneva talks a week ago, the US spokesman would only confirm that 21 members from each of the two negotiating teams had participated, that the talks had lasted 2½ hours, and that a further plenary session would be held on Thursday.

But there was still no indication how soon the two sides would begin to meet in the *smaller groups which they* have promised to set up.

The first group is to concentrate on limits to medium-*range nuclear weapons*, including cruise and Pershing II missiles in Western Europe, and the Soviet Union's SS20s. The second group will handle strategic, *long-range* nuclear missiles, including Soviet land-based ICBMs, and the MX missile if President Reagan's campaign for congressional support succeeds.

The third group is to handle the space weapons issue, and the Americans also want to introduce a far-reaching re-examination of strategic doctrine.

Although both sides yesterday stood by their commitment to maintaining the confidentiality of their exchanges, the indications are that the Soviet Union is strongly resisting the US agenda for the "space" group, and that this is delaying the shift of the Geneva talks from formal plenary sessions into the three working groups.

Tass has already alleged that the US is "deliberately heading for blocking" the Geneva talks, so that it could go ahead with its Strategic Defence Initiative — President Reagan's effort to develop defensive space weapons.

Mr Viktor Issraelyan, the high-ranking Soviet ambassador to the 40-country UN Disarmament Conference in Geneva — not to be confused with the US-Soviet talks — in yet another attack on the Strategic Defence Initiative declared yesteday that "it sharply increased the danger of nuclear war."

In Moscow, commentaries in Pravda yesterday described President Reagan's pressure on Congress to approve appropriations for 21 more MX missiles as further evidence that the Administration was not sincere in its approach to the Geneva arms negotiations.

There has also been a battery of criticism against the Belgian Government's announcement that cruise mis*siles had already been de*ployed in the country. Moscow sees this as evidence that the United States "is the real master" in Belgium.

President Reagan's sharp language against the Soviet Union at the end of his visit to Canada will also sour the climate in the Geneva talks. Mr Reagan claimed that the Soviet Union was now violating the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, on which the Geneva talks are certain to focus.

He also said that the Russians were violating the Salt II agreement, the Geneva convention banning the *use of chemi*cal weapons, together with the Yalta and Helsinki agreements. Such broadsides are not calculated to generate goodwill and a constructive negotiating spirit.

The Secretary-General of the Council of Europe, Mr Marcelino Oreja (right) opens the debate on human rights in Vienna yesterday. On the left is the Austrian President, Dr Rudolf Kirchschläger

Troops combat student riots

New Delhi: Troops moved into the *western* city of Ahmedabad yesterday, when fresh violence erupted after four people were killed in student protests.

The Press Trust of India said that army units patrolled the worst affected areas after angry groups of people went on a rampage, *stoning* buses, looting shops, and setting fire to buildings.

Trouble began on Monday, when students demonstrated over the state government's policy of reserving university places and government jobs for underprivileged groups.

Three people were killed when police opened fire to restore order, and a fourth was stabbed to death when rival student groups fought running battles. At least five people were injured, the PTI said.

A curfew on part of the city, in Gujarat state, was extended yesterday to other districts, it said.

Firemen had difficulty dealing with fires which swept through shops and houses.

The state government announced last week that it was postponing for a year a review of its reservation policy, which ensures underprivileged students a place at *colleges and* universities.

Hundreds of people have been injured in four weeks of anti-reservation protests by students in several areas, including Madhya Pradesh state. Student leaders opposed to the policy said that the practice of setting aside a quota of university places and jobs severely curtailed opportunities available for people seeking entry or employment on the basis of merit.

● The Government yesterday severely criticised the management of the pesticides factory in Bhopal, where poison gas leaked last December, killing 2,500 people and injuring 125,000 others. Mr Veerendra Patil, the Minister of Chemicals and Fertilisers, told Parliament that a government report showed that the management had not told people living near the plant what to do in the event of a leak.—Reuter.

59 held in cocaine crackdown

From H. G. Reza in San Diego

A South American drug ring, allegedly responsible for smuggling cocaine into the United States from Peru, has been cracked with the arrest of 59 people, federal authorities said yesterday.

A prosecutor, Peter Nunez, said that Augustin Fernando Maurtua, aged 26, of Carlsbad, headed West Coast operations of the ring, while Jose Antonio Ledgard, aged 27, of Miami, was the East Coast chieftain. Both men, identified by Mr Nunez as Peruvian nationals are being held without bail and were among those arrested last week and over the weekend.

"These people (Maurtua and Ledgard) were in the highest echelon in the South American cocaine cartel," Mr Nunez said at a press conference here.

Eighty suspects were named in a 204-count indictment, and 59 were in custody. Arrests were made throughout Southern California, and in San Francisco, Nevada, Guam, Flor*ida, Texas, Georgia, and Michi*gan. The arrests involved more than 100 Federal Agents and culminated an 18-month investigation.

Mr Nunez said that another 20 people, most of them cocaine purchasers, are expected to be named in a new indictment by Thursday. He said that the ring was responsible for taking "millions of dollars" in drug profits out of the United States.

According to the indictment, the organisation had outlets for distributing cocaine throughout the United States.

Those arrested were arraigned in federal court here under heavy security. — Los Angeles Times.

Reagan starts arm twisting in Senate

From our own Correspondent in Washington

President Reagan made a personal visit to Congress yesterday to lobby senators over lunch. The critical votes he seeks to assure the continued production of the controversial MX missile could hinge more on the MX's job-creating potential than on military or diplomatic considerations.

The Senate armed services *committee voted by 11-6 on* Monday night to support a $1.5 billion programme for 21 more missiles in 1985. But the four decisive votes—two in each House—were beginning yesterday hours after the President's unusually direct arm-twisting on the Senate's home ground.

Both sides are cautious about predicting victory in the first Senate vote, President Reagan has built up considerable momentum by linking the controversial and much-derided MX to Soviet perceptions of American will-power in the Geneva arms talks, but last-minute surveys of senators in*dicated a close finish*. The Associated Press news agency reported a 46-46 split, while another agency put the President ahead by 44 to 41, with 12 undecided and 3 senators leaning against the MX.

It was the undecided senators from both parties who were attracting particular interest. Senator Alan Simpson, the deputy Republican leader, called their tactics of putting a price on their votes "outrageous", asking them: "Why don't you get a mask and a gun?"

Some congressmen have tried to hold up the missile programme pending a better *deal for the stricken farmers of* the Mid-West, but others are forced by economic pressure to weigh their doubts about MX against the local jobs they know it will create.

Some senators are supporting it this year but saying that they will not support next year's proposed batch of 48 more missiles. The full programme of 100 to replace ageing Minutemen in the silos of the same Mid-West farm states would create an estimated 32,132 jobs directly and 93,300 indirectly, including economic spin-offs.

The US *Secretary of State*, Mr George Shultz, seems set to meet his Soviet counterpart, Mr Andrei Gromyko, in Vienna, in mid-May.

'Confessions' withdrawn

From Peter Chapman in Mexico City

SIX Mexican policemen, including two leading commanders who admitted to having taken *part in the kidnap last month* of a US anti-narcotics agent, have withdrawn their confessions, while another commander who died in custody has been found to have been beaten up.

The six charged with the kidnap of the US agent, whose body was found just over a week ago, have said that their confessions were made under duress. They appeared in court with signs of severe facial bruising.

A forensic expert, meanwhile, has confirmed that the dead officer, Commander Ga*briel Gonzalez, also said to* have been involved in the kidnap and drug smuggling to the US, may have died after a "powerful blow."

The arrest of Commander Gonzalez was embarrassing for the US which recently had praised him for his part in investments the case of six Americans who have disappeared in Mexico since December.

US poll spending curbs end

From Michael White in Washington

Conservative activists across the United States were yesterday celebrating the Supreme Court ruling which struck down a post-Watergate reform *limiting* the amount of money that can be spent on behalf of a presidential candidate.

At the heart of the 7-2 judg*ment was an attempt* by the Democratic Party and the Federal Election Commission to curb the phenomenal growth since the Watergate era of political action committees (PACs) which raise money from individuals and spend it on favoured candidates' behalf rather than handing it over directly. Most are conservative, as the 1984 election figures again underline. Approximately $15.2 million was spent by PACs *supporting President* Reagan's reelection compared with $620,000 for the Democrats' Mr Walter Mondale.

The drive against blatant corruption of politicians in return for favours which culminated—but by no means started—in the Nixon Administration scandals, led to a series of restrictions, in return for which main presidential candidates get federal funds of about $40 million each. Direct individual contributions are limited to $1,000.

Individual donations to PACs will remain limited to a maximum of $25,000 spread over *five to 25 PACs. But in ruling* that the universally ignored $1,000 per PAC expenditure on behalf of presidential nominees was unconstitutional, Mr Justice Rehnquist stressed the free speech dimension.

To uphold the limit would be "much like allowing a speaker in a public hall to express his views while denying him the use of an amplifier system."

Alfonsin ignores Falklands in Washington aid-seeking trip

From Mark Tran in Washington

President Alfonsin of Argentina put his country's need for economic aid ahead of any concern about the Falkland's *issue in his meeting with Mr* Reagan at the White House yesterday.

In a reference to stiff IMF conditions for its loans, Mr Alfonsin said that it was necessary for the emergent democracies of Latin America to achieve tangible economic *results*.

President Reagan said he appreciated the severe economic problems that Mr Alfonsin had inherited, and pledged that the US would do what it could to assist him in his efforts to improve the Argentine economy. He also used the occasion to denounce Nicaragua, and said that the countries of the hemisphere could not just watch "the Communist tyranny imposed in Nicaragua *spread to the free lands of the* Americas."

The President also claimed that there were nearly three times as many people fighting the Sandinista Government as there were fighting the previous Somoza regime.

Given the Argentine leader's preoccupation with the plight of the economy, the Falklands issue seemed to be pushed into the background. He simply told Mr Reagan that the issue was still of great concern, and hoped that Argentina would be able to sit down with the British again. But, according to a US official, he did not ask for any help from the US on the matter.

His main mission seems to be to solicit US support for Argentine positions in further negotiations with the IMF. Argentina has to discuss the setting of targets for June and September, in order to receive more IMF funds. Argentina *has argued that the belt-tight*ening has gone as far as it could. But the IMF wants Mr Alfonsin to do more to bring down the inflation rate of 800 per cent.

The US official refused to be drawn into saying whether the Administration would sup*port Argentina. He said there* were always going to be differences between the IMF and debtor countries over the harshness of austerity measures, but noted that the US had participated in bridging oans for Argentina in the past.

Jeremy Morgan adds from Buenos Aires: President Alfonsin's trip to Washington is the latest step in his Government's attempt to convince the world that Argentina is relinquishing the unpredictable ways of its recent past.

The Government claimed last weekend that it had persuaded the IMF to renegotiate the targets set under the $1.425 billion standby credit, from which Argentina is thought to have seriously strayed

The Economy Ministry said that regular monitoring of the economy had been "suspended" and bankers said yesterday that the Government had probably accepted a "*shadow programme*" *of more* stringent emergency measures

Hopes that the Government was abandoning the unfulfilled aspirations of its first year in power were dimmed by the reappointment of Mr Edouard Grinspun last week as the new head of the Planning Secretar*iat, where, it is feared, he will* continue to wield influence over the economy. President Alfonsin's apparent inability to make a clean break with an old friend and close political associate has only added to doubts about his will to follow through unpleasant decisions.

Rebels bomb minister's home

Lima: Leftwing guerrillas bombed the home of Peru's Labour Minister and 65 rebels died in clashes in the countryside as political violence intensi*fied prior to general elections*, police said yesterday.

The rebels, in their biggest assault for nearly three months, damaged the doorway *of Mr Joaquin Leguia's home*, seized a radio station and bombed the house of the brother of the Agriculture Minister, Mr Juan Hurtado Miller.

Police, who rounded up nearly 1,000 people after the bombings, said no one was injured. It was not immediately clear whether the Tupac Amaru revolutionary movement or Sendero Luminoso *(Shining Path) guerrillas were* responsible.

Mr Leguia is at the centre *of efforts* to end a bitter two-week-old strike by civil ser*vants which officials fear could* interfere with the general elections on April 14.

In the south-eastern region of Ayacucho, police said that 65 Sendero guerrillas had died in three separate clashes with armed forces and Indian vigilantes during the past week. One soldier and one vigilante were said to have been wounded.

Police said that the violence *brought to 215 the number of* deaths this year in Ayacucho, a mountain area where Sendero began its campaign in 1980.

The rebels have called for a boycott of the elections, saying they are a farce intended to keep the rich in power and are reported to plan to distribute millions of cards bearing instructions on how to spoil ballot forms.—Reuter.

Diplomat may have defected

New Delhi: Indian newspapers said yesterday that a Soviet diplomat who vanished two days ago during an early morning walk in a Delhi park may have defected to the West.

A Soviet embassy spokesman said he could not comment on growing speculation that Igor Gheja, aged 37, a third secretary and deputy head of the Soviet *embassy's information* department in the Indian capital, may have left the country.

The Press Trust of India said police on Monday night raided the offices of Afghan, Iranian and Palestinian regugee groups in Delhi in their hunt for Mr Gheja. Checks have been made at railway and bus stations as well as on passenger lists at airports, but there has been no news of his whereabouts.

The Hindustan Times newspaper said Mr Gheja had in all probability defected to the mission of a leading Western power. It did not give details.

The National Herald newspaper said diplomats had not ruled out the possibility that Mr Gheja had defected.

Spokesmen for the West German, US and British missions and the United Nations High Commission for refugees, said they had no information on Mr Gheja's disappearance.

A Soviet official said Mr Gheja had been in Delhi for five years and was promoted to diplomatic status last year.—Reuter.

Rome drug arrests

Rome: At least 60 Sri Lankans have been arrested in Italy and accused of selling heroin to raise money for *Tamil secessionist* groups in their country.

A prosecutor, Mr Luciano Infelisi, has issued warrants for the arrest of 94 Sri Lankans alleged to be implicated in the sale of pure "brown sugar" heroin with a street value of about £2.27 million, Italian newspapers reported yesterday.

Police from an anti-drug squad and the customs police arrested the immigrants, most *of them* working as domestic servants or in restaurants, during the past week in an operation that is continuing.

Rome police said the number of arrests by this morning was more than 60 but less than 100. Italian reporters who were briefed on the operation said investigators believed that the narcotics network supplied by the Sri Lankans had links in France, West Germany, and Poland.

The Italian base of the Tamil group was at Casalpalocco, a south-western suburb of Rome favoured by *wealthy* expatriate families, according to investigators. — Reuter.

Baby-spitting frog at risk

Sydney: Australia's unique gastric brooding frog could become extinct without revealing exactly how it gives birth through its mouth.

A first species, discovered in a small area of Queensland's rain forest, has not been seen since 1979 and scientists believe it has passed into history. A second, larger species was found further north early last year but there are now fears that this too could disappear.

The brooding frog (rheobatrachus), the only vertebrate which broods its young in its stomach, spits out the babies after swallowing its eggs. But no scientist has seen the female frog lay and ingest the eggs either in its rain-forest habitat or in the laboratory.

None has been fully bred in captivity although a year ago a pregnant female of the new species spat out 22 young at the University of South Australia soon after being taken from the wild.

Why and how the aquatic frog's reproductive cycle evolved remains a matter of speculation and its relationship to nearly 200 other species of Australian frogs is still not certain.

Mr Michael Tyler, senior zoology lecturer at the university said he thought there was a good chance that the newly-found species would become *extinct. He has only one frog* for research at the moment because Queensland wildlife officials have decided the animal is scarce.

The university has stopped using the frog to help its medical research into gastric ulcers and is now relying on the *common Queensland cane toad.*

Scientists found that a hormone produced by the developing tadpoles within the stomach of the brooding frog stopped the secretion of gastric juices and also changed the structural lining of the stomach.

Conservationists blame forest clearing and possibly pesticides for destroying the frog's winter *hibernation* habitat.

But Mr Keith MacDonald, a research ranger with the Queensland's National Parks and Wildlife Service, said several other species had disappeared along with the brooding frog. "Not everything is attributable to humans; cy*clones and a bad wet season* could have played an important role," he said.

Despite a poor wet season, Mr MacDonald is more optimistic than some scientists about the frog's survival and reported finding a couple of young during a survey trip this month.

He hopes the second species can be used to find out why the first one disappeared but said that there was no way to ensure that it did not become extinct. — Reuter.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Prisoner is force fed

AN imprisoned Solidarity activist, Mr Bogdan Lis, is being force fed by warders after starting a hunger strike nine days ago in protest against his arrest, his lawyer said in Warsaw yesterday.

Mr Lis was detained last month with Mr Adam Michnik and Mr Adyslaw Easyniuk in connection with the banned free trade union's plans to mount a general strike against food price increases. His lawyer said that Mr Lis claimed he was wrongfully held and intended to starve for two weeks. — Reuter.

Passport charge

POLICE have charged an Indian-born businessman involved in Britain's biggest bankruptcy case with obtaining a passport under a false name, the Press Trust of India said yesterday. Mr Rajendra Sethia, managing director of Esal Commodities, was due to leave India on March 2, one day after he was arrested in New Delhi at the request of London's Fraud Squad.—Reuter.

Albanian gaoled

THE District court of Titova Mitrovica, a city in Kosovo province, has sentenced Mr Gani Katiriu, aged 39, an Albanian to three years in gaol for spreading hostile propaganda, Politika newspaper reported in Belgrade yesterday. The court ruled that Mr Katiriu taped and listened to songs designed to spread hatred among Yugoslav nationlaities and glorifying the Albian ruler, Enver Hoxha, and the Albanian Communist Party.—AP.

Minister indicted

A FORMER government minister has been indicted on charges of misappropriating £1.6 million in public funds, the Bonn district court said yesterday. Mr Egon Franke, minister for inter-German *relations from 1969-1982*, was charged last April 13 with misappropriating the money AP.

Lawyers strike

NEARLY 5,000 lawyers in Naples have called a week-long strike to call attention to the danger they face in representing criminals who turn State's evidence, a lawyers' union spokesman said

Plant blasts

TWO bomb blasts ripped through an aluminium plant in Martigny, Switzerland, causing an estimated $4 million in damage. The spokesman for Aluminium Martigny SA said the plant would have to be shut for several months. — Reuter.

Team disbanded

THE Soviet second division soccer team Volga from the city of Gorky has been disbanded by the national sport committee after the discovery of a corruption scandal, a Soviet newspaper reported yesterday. Two trainers, Mr Alexei Malaichuk, and Mr Viktor Rakhmankin, took bribes of £120 a month from young hopefuls to secure their place on the team.

Police charged

THREE policemen and a private investigator appeared in a Sydney court yesterday about the alleged resale of $513,000 worth of seized drugs. More officers are expected to be charged.—Reuter.

Jet blaze

A US Air Force fuel tanker plane was destroyed yesterday after it caught fire taking on fuel at Cairo airport. No one was hurt.—AP.

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Tehran's missile attack on Baghdad kills 11 people

Iraq claims Iran's new offensive pushed back

Bahrain: Iraq appeared to have repulsed an Iranian offensive on the southern Gulf war front as international efforts intensified yesterday to end the 53-month-old conflict.

Iran said it had hit Baghdad with a fourth missile in six days, killing 11 people. Iranians and foreigners scrambled for plane seats out of the country hours before an Iraqi deadline declaring Iranian airspace a war zone.

Iran said yesterday that it had halted its drive across the marshes to the main highway linking Baghdad and Iraq's second city of Basra in the south. Tehran said 190 square miles of an important oil region had been taken.

In Riyadh, foreign ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council, comprising Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, and Oman, yesterday ended a two-day meeting with a pledge of support for Iraq.

The Kuwaiti Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah al-Sabah, said he would fly to Baghdad to discuss ways to halt the war, and was also prepared to go to Tehran if Iran showed readiness to end the conflict.

The Gulf Arab states, whose economies have been hit by the escalating war, urged Iran "to respond to international efforts to end the conflict and respect its border with Iraq."

President Ali Khamenei of Iran, who on Monday met a special envoy of the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, current chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement, welcomed efforts to halt attacks on civilian areas.

The Iranian news agency Irna reported President Khamenei as stressing "that Iraq initiated the tension and insecurity in the air, sea, and ground." He added: "Iraq forced us into retaliation."

President Dawda Jawara, of The Gambia, head of an Islamic Conference Organisation (ICO) peace committee, is due to have talks on the war at ICO headquarters in Jeddah on Saturday.

In Baghdad, diplomatic sources said at least 11 people were killed in an explosion a few hours after a surprise visit by President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt and Jordan's King Hussein to discuss the war with the Iraqi leader.

Iran said it had launched a missile shortly before the blast, the fourth rocket it claimed to have fired at the Iraqi capital in six days. Iraq blamed the first two explosions on Iranian saboteurs.

As the deadline for Iraqi air interdiction over Iran approached, a Lufthansa Boeing 747 left Tehran airport with 350 foreign nationals and six children abroad.

BAGHDAD INITIATIVE: King Hussein of Jordan (left) meets President Saddam Hussein of Iraq and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt (right) before their peace talks in one of several international attempts to end the war

Corpses litter marshy battlefield

From Subhy Haddad in Al-Uzayr

Hundreds of Iranian corpses litter the marshlands around this southern Iraqi town after seven days of fierce fighting in which Iraq says it crushed an Iranian advance to the river Tigris.

Baghdad-based correspondents toured the battlefield on Monday for the first time since Iran launched its offensive on March 11. The correspondents were driven some 12 miles eastwards, almost to the Iranian border, and then taken 25 miles north and south through marshes cleared of Iranian troops.

We saw hundreds of Iranian dead in foxholes and trenches on both sides of the river, many with rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) launchers still at their sides.

Missile batteries around Al-Uzayr, on the vital Baghdad to Basra highway between Al-Amarah and Al-Qurnah, fired on Iranian lines now said by Iraq to be some 25 miles away.

Iraqi commanders said eight divisions of Iranian regular army troops and revolutionary guards were poured into the Hawizah marshes, apparently trying to reach the Tigris and cut the main road to Basra, Iraq's second biggest city.

Advance units at one stage managed to reach and cross the Tigris, throwing pontoon bridges across the river and taking up positions on its west bank, threatening the highway.

But the bridges were destroyed by Iraqi helicopter gunships and the enemy troops encircled and destroyed, Maj-Gen Sultan Hashem, commander of east Tigris forces, said at his battlefield headquarters.

Iranian forces knocked out dozens of Iraqi tanks and armoured personnel carriers, still strewn around the battleground, before the counter-attack by crack Iraqi reinforcements from special forces and the presidential guard. More than 50 Iraqi tanks were still rumbling over marshland roads, many firing east towards the Iranian lines.

An Iraqi High Command communique on Monday described the fighting as the fiercest of the war, now in its fifth year. General Hashem said tens of thousands of Iranians had been killed. Asked about Iraqi casualties, he replied: "One Iraqi to every 100 Iranian losses would be far too high."

"Not a single Iranian soldier now existed in the marshlands they invaded last week," he added.

The Defence Minister, Mr Adnan Kheirullah, who commanded Iraqi troops at the front, said they had fought for several days and nights without a break, inch by inch, trench by trench, from one position to another. — Reuter.

Muslims forced to flee Sidon suburbs

Sidon: More than 20,000 Muslims fled the eastern suburbs of Sidon yesterday, under an ultimatum from rightwing Christian militiamen in renewed fighting that shattered a peace carefully nurtured since Israeli troops pulled out a month ago.

A Lebanese army communique said that two soldiers had been killed, nine wounded, and an armoured vehicle knocked out since clashes began on Monday. Lebanese security sources said that three civilians died and 30 were wounded.

The battles raged between rightwing Christian Lebanese Forces militia, the Lebanese army, and Muslim gunmen, as the Cabinet cancelled a planned meeting in Beirut to discuss a week-long revolt by the Lebanese Forces in the capital and the Christian heartlands further north.

Government sources said that President Gemayel was due to fly to Damascus shortly to discuss the revolt with President Assad, who has massed troops near Christian-held areas in northern Lebanon.

Shooting and shelling raged on the eastern edges of Sidon after security sources said that the Lebanese Forces brought reinforcements into the predominantly Muslim suburbs and gave the inhabitants an ultimatum to leave.

Witnesses said that inhabitants were beaten as houses were taken over by Christian gunmen, and about 90 per cent of the 30,000 Muslim inhabitants of the eastern districts fled into the city centre to take refuge in schools, public buildings, and unfinished structures.

Correspondents heard fierce battles with mortars, rocket-propelled grenades, and heavy machineguns, interspersed with periods of sniper fire

The army communique said that several of its positions on the eastern edge of the town had come under fire from the Abra and Hlaliyeh eastern suburbs, "compelling the army to return fire, using the appropriate weapons."

In Beirut, a source in the Lebanese Forces said that the Sidon clashes were a local matter, and had nothing to do with the militia's uprising in Christian East Beirut. He admitted that Christian fighters in the area took orders from militia headquarters in East Beirut.—Reuter.

'Vengeance' note on car

Beirut: The car of a Dutch Jesuit priest who is believed to have been kidnapped last week has been found in a remote part of the Syrian-controlled Bekaa Valley, in eastern Lebanon, with a note saying "Vengeance Party" in it, a Jesuit spokesman said yesterday.

Father Nicolas Kluiters, aged 43, who disappeared last Thursday, was the fifth foreigner and the second Catholic priest kidnapped in Lebanon this year. Five Americans, two Britons, and a Saudi Arabian are also missing. All the abductions apart from that of Kluiters, have been claimed by the Muslim fundamentalist group, Islamic Jihad.

The spokesman said that Father Kluiters was last seen on Thursday, when he left Hermel, in the northern Bekaa, where he had conducted mass at a convent in Barka, 21 miles to the South. — Reuter.

CIA 'is politicising refugee sufferings'

By Victoria Brittain

As a United Nations spokesman announced a rise in the flood of refugees from Ethiopia into Sudan to 1,000 a day, Ethiopia's Foreign Minister, Colonel Goshu Wolde, yesterday said in London that the CIA was deeply involved in the refugee situation in eastern Sudan, and deplored "the politicisation of human suffering."

Colonel Goshu said that pressure was being brought on the Ethiopian Government to accept a "food truce" with the Tigrean rebels. "There is no precedent in history for such a thing, and the motives for sugessting it are not humanitarian but political," he said.

A year ago, an American diplomat was expelled after being caught in Addis Ababa at a meeting with members of the rightwing opposition group, EPDM, and with documents from several groups. The Ethiopian Government, trying to get famine relief supplies moving from international agencies, hushed up the incident.

● *Colonel Goshu: 'No precedent in history.'*

But the US attitude to Ethiopia remains extremely cool. The Secretary of State, Mr Schultz, said in a recent speech that Ethiopia was one of a number of countries where "Soviet geopolitical encroachment" should be resisted by the US "in one way or another."

In the same speech Mr Schultz mentioned Nicaragua, where the US Administration is struggling with Congress and public opinion to fund the Contras fighting against the Sandinista government.

"There are certainly parallels," Colonel Goshu.

Ethiopian opposition groups of every political hue have mushroomed in Khartoum in recent months. A quarter of a million destitute Ethiopians have arrived in eastern Sudan since last November, and are being organised largely by Ethiopian dissidents.

The Ethiopian Government has protested to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees about the politicised work being done under their name in Sudan. An influx of eight new American employees into the UNHCR office in Khartoum was "worrying, as we know something of how the CIA is operating against us," Colonel Goshu said.

Colonel Goshu will see Sir Geoffrey Howe and leaders of the Labour and Liberal parties during his visit to London, which will largely concentrate on the need for continuing aid and a request for British support for the resettlement programme of farmers from the exhausted highlands of Wollo and Tigre. US opposition to the scheme to move 1.5 million people to fertile land has seriously undermined it.

Lesotho admits it killed PAC rebels

From Patrick Laurence in Johannesburg

The Lesotho Government yesterday admitted that six men killed on its border by its security forces were members of the outlawed Pan-Africanist Congress of South Africa, contradicting an earlier statement that they were rebels of the Lesotho Liberation Army.

A Lesotho Cabinet statement said: "Six persons believed to be members of the Pan-Africanist Congress were killed last week at Qacha's Nek."

On Monday, the Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Mr Desmond Sixishe, denied reports from South African expatriates in London that the six men were members of the PAC.

He insisted then that the six were members of the LLA, an underground movement seeking to overthrow the Government of Leabua Jonathan, allegedly with the assistance of South Africa.

Explaining the contradiction, Mr Sixishe said yesterday: "On further investigation, the six were positively identified as members of the PAC. The confusion arose because they were in a sensitive area used by the LLA."

Asked what PAC men were doing in a remote area near the Lesotho-Transkei border, he replied: "We are still investigating that ourselves." The names of the dead men would be released later, he added. One was Phami Ani, acting chief representative of the PAC in Lesotho.

The Lesotho Government enjoys cordial relations with the African National Congress, which has emerged as the dominant force in the armed struggle against the South African Government.

One theory for the reported presence of armed PAC men in the border area is that it might have been part of an attempt by the PAC to re-establish its image as an active force in the liberation struggle.

According to the Afrikaans newspaper, Beeld, PAC accounted for six of the 48 insurgents who were said by South Africa's Law and Order Minister, Mr Louis le Grange, to have been involved in sabotage and terror in the western Transvaal since last August.

Meanwhile, South African police reported yesterday that at least another four people died in violence in black townships in the eastern Cape on Monday night, bringing the number of fatalities since early Monday to 10.

A feature of violence in the townships in recent days has been petrol bomb attacks on the homes of black policemen. One of the victims was a Ciskei security policeman whose wrists were cut and whose body was partially burnt.

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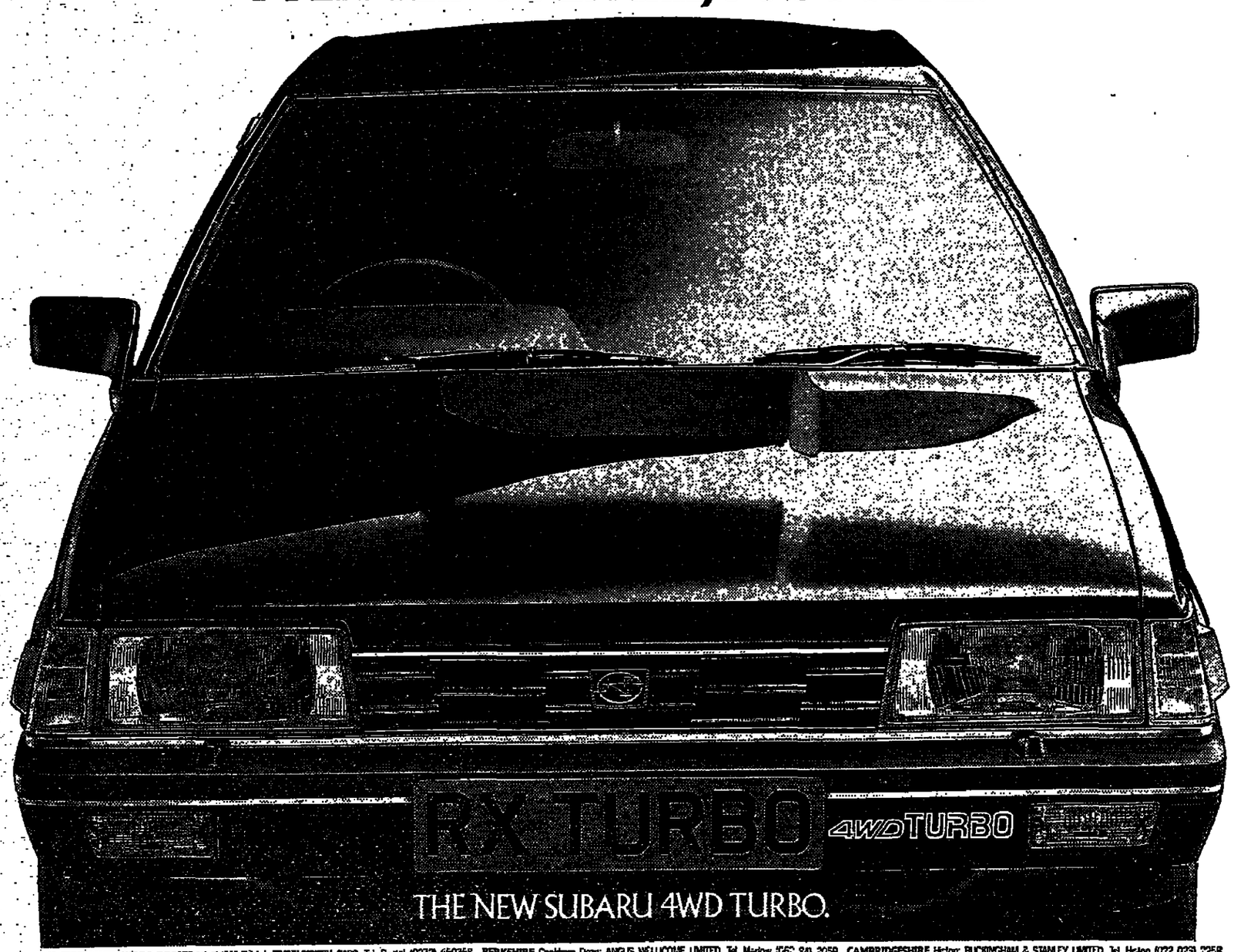

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The seeds of hope are thinly sown

Last year, to widespread Tory acclaim, Mr Lawson unveiled a budget for jobs and enterprise. Yesterday (with unemployment higher by 136,000 and interest rates up by five percentage points) he — lo and behold — introduced another budget for jobs, in much dampened political circumstances. More of the same, only more so. It was a budget to assuage the City and to make work more attractive for poorer people and the young. Within his own — highly restrictive — terms of reference, it was, as last year, a clever feat of financial juggling. Employers will find it cheaper to employ low wage earners (through lower national insurance contributions) but will be stung at the upper end. This will produce a self-financing reform which, coupled with extensions of the Youth Training Scheme, the raising of the rate at which people pay tax and some legislative changes in the labour market, will offer scope for more jobs or quasi jobs.

By opting for rigorous financial orthodoxy, the Chancellor has produced one surprise. He has only used half of the up to £1.5 billion "giveaway" he was thought to have up his ample waistcoat. As a result he was able to offer eager backbenchers just a modest dollop of the tax reductions so repeatedly promised. After all, if Mr Lawson really believes that the importance of lower taxes resides not in whether they increase demand or not, but in the "supply side" effect they have on incentives, why does he not just award them in larger quantities and not make them dependent on a balancing of the books which may never come. He has rejected the politico-economic advice of people like Proffessor Patrick Minford (once said to be Mrs Thatcher's favourite economist) that it was absolutely essential to have very substantial tax cuts this year because it takes nearly three years for the full effect to come through. Three years from now (he argues) it will be almost the tenth anniversary of Conservative rule and if no end to unemployment is in sight by then people will turn in desperation to others whose policies he regards as dangerous.

But, in truth, it is highly unlikely that yesterday's package will do the trick. It may pave the way for a quick drop of a point or so in interest rates. But there are still four more percentage point falls to go before we get back to where we were at least year's budget. There is, to be sure, a cornucopia of benefits for the businesses large and small and yet more tax reliefs for the better off. Those with long term holdings of shares or second homes, in particular, will do well out of the capital gains changes. Those in council houses? Well, not so well.

The disaster of the budget is that it offers — national insurance reform apart — nothing that hasn't been tried already and found wanting in solving the over-riding problem the Chancellor has addressed himself to: the reduction of unemployment. The difficulty is not just to make an impact on the 4 million or so without real jobs at the moment, but preventing a remorseless rise in future years while industry continues to shed labour as the effects of the microchip takeover from the recession.

Mr Lawson has totally ignored the clarion call of employers, unions, independent forecasters and Tory Wets that the best way to alleviate unemployment is to borrow money to improve the country's infrastructure, fast approaching a perilous state. This is only the first plank of a necessary programme, but it is one that the Government contemptuously rejects.

What is still needed is not a dogmatic contraction of borrowing (what would happen if British industry did the same?) but an expansion of the borrowing requirement to be spent on capital assets to finance industrial expansion and the nation's infrastructure.

Suppose the Chancellor achieves his nirvana of freeing the Government from nearly all its borrowings. Britain's infrastructure, already in a serious state of decline (according to the National Economic Development Office) will be in an even worse state. The problem will have to be tackled some time. It won't go away. Why not do it now while there is so much unemployment and when the cost to the State of taking on labour is cheap because of the unemployment pay and other costs saved? Reduced borrowing will not build roads and bridges.

Mr Lawson's continued policy of retrenchment is all the more alarming when you see what is happening on the foreign exchange markets. If (and admittedly it is by no means certain yet) the current slump in the value of the dollar turns out to be the start of the long term fall that so many economists have been predicting, then there is an extra need for stronger economies to embark on a policy of coordinated expansion in order to cushion the effect of a falling dollar on world growth. A large chunk of recent European growth has been the result of the strong dollar turning the US into an importers' paradise. A combination of the banking crisis in Ohio and the facts (confirmed this week) that the US has become a net debtor nation for the first time since 1917 has made international investors realise that the party cannot go on for ever. If the US is to have a "soft landing" it will need all the help it can get from its allies. The strength of the UK balance of payments and the low (by world standards) budget deficit provided an opportunity for Mr Lawson to take at least one expansionary step in the right direction. He has blankly refused. The country and his own party will not forgive him if he is wrong.

Bang go the rules again

There you go again. You did it on GCHQ, decreeing that something would happen at a stroke, and finding out if it was legal long afterwards. Now you've done it again (as shamefacedly admitted this week), appointing Mr Peter Levene to the Civil Service as £95,000-a-year Chief of Defence Procurement, and then discovering it was illegal and outside the rules.

The You in question, of course, is Mrs Margaret Thatcher, a vigorous proponent of law and order unless she wants something done in a hurry (although a small, putty-like part of You may also be Sir Robert Armstrong, head of the Home Civil Service and giver of advice on such matters which is either wrong or blithely disregarded). And the issues involved, though inevitably complex, are important if you care at all about the conduct of public life.

There was, it may be remembered, a bit of public fuss last December when Mr Levene, Chairman of United Scientific Holdings, vice-chairman of the Defence Manufacturers' Association and sometime political defence adviser to Mr Michael Heseltine, was suddenly unveiled as our highest paid civil servant. Naturally, existing civil servants on existing Civil Service salaries were not best pleased. But the real fuss took place behind closed doors. The Civil Service Commissioners, operating under an Order in Council, are charged with the duty and obligation of vetting Whitehall entrants. They have, on the one hand, to make sure jobs are properly advertised and open to competition. And they have to make sure that nominees for posts are qualified and suitable. Mr Levene (however qualified, however suitable) went through none of those hurdles. He simply got the job because Mrs Thatcher and Mr Heseltine said so. Eventually a lurking sub-clause, an escape hatch, was found, and Mr Levene confirmed on a slightly different basis. But what would have happened if no such escape had been contrived? Would Mrs Thatcher have, characteristically, ordered the Order in Council amended?

Nor is this just a matter of protocol or form. United Scientific Holdings makes a lot of armaments: it sells them, inter alia, to the Ministry of Defence. As Mr Levene was passing, at the double, into Whitehall, so Sir Frank Cooper, lately Permanent Secretary at the MoD, was joining the USH board. Such comings and goings may be commonplace in America, where men who make defence policy have been armament manufacturers and may be again. But the acceleration of that trend here — creating a situation where the chaps who define the need for defence are also, up and down the time scale, the chaps who provide the goods to meet that need — is one demanding the closest debate and scrutiny. That, in the system, is scrutiny the Civil Service Commissioners are appointed to exercise. And that, in Mrs Thatcher's view, was a role of no importance.

It won't do. In the defence area, of all areas, it won't do. The Prime Minister, of course, likes to move at a pace. But not at the expense of the safeguards we have. And not again, please, by fiat, and bullying bluster.

Wick and the wider world

If crying over spilt milk is a waste of time then surely crying over milk that was not spilt at all is even more so. Thus those in Scotland and elsewhere demanding an investigation of unrealised plans to test a nuclear device in the Wick area 30 years ago should rather go on their knees in gratitude for the soggy climate which killed the idea. Those who reacted to the discovery of the scheme by the Australian Royal Commission investigating Britain's early nuclear tests with incredulous laughter or stunned astonishment need only make a modest imaginative leap to understand why the Australians are so concerned about the trials. If Wick seems a daft place to let off an atomic detonator, why should Maralinga or Monte Bello seem less so to an Australian? That is the real issue.

When Mr Justice McClelland and his team of breezily determined investigators came here to collect British evidence, the rattle of shutters going up and doors slamming could be heard from all over Whitehall. But a judicious application of moral blackmail by the commissioners soon began to produce results, even if the usual rules about perjury did not apply to testimony gathered in Britain. The persistently inquisitive and refreshingly informal Australians therefore managed to tear asunder some of the veils of secrecy surrounding the tests. What has emerged is a hazy picture (we may be sure that it is still far from complete) of scientists and military men who, despite the evidence of Hiroshima and Nagasaki less than a decade earlier, did not appreciate, to put it as politely as possible, the implications of what they were doing. Ten weeks of hearings in London and the prising loose of 38 tons of documents from the death grip of the Official Secrets Act leave us with a frightening catalogue of ignorant and careless acts as the Australians return home to complete their inquiries.

The belatedly revealed salvation of Wick must make us wonder what other jolly wheezes were turned over by the British as they fell over themselves to join the nuclear club. The findings so far of the Australians (surely one of the greatest vindications of the concept of the Royal Commission) must also reopen some awkward questions about the long discounted or ignored effects of the tests on Aborigines and other Australians, on British servicemen and their children and on the areas used for trials. The whole sorry story amounts to another swingeing indictment of British official secretiveness, and it is to our shame that it was left to the Australians to expose it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Mrs Thatcher, such a sour apple for the teacher

Sir,—As general secretary of the Leeds Association of the NUT and the headteacher of a school for handicapped children, I view with utter distaste the comments of the Prime Minister, reported by you on March 15.

It matters not that the Prime Minister "made a blunder" and condemned as "despicable and disgraceful" the teachers in a special school for taking strike action, when they were in fact not taking that action. In her usual arrogant way, Mrs Thatcher has demonstrated her total lack of sensitivity and tact. Worse, she has shown her determination to seek every means to escalate the teachers' industrial action.

Teachers in special schools are taking industrial action. Pupils in my own school have been excluded during the past month because of the "no-cover" action.

My own staff are loyal, dedicated, and totally committed to the education of the pupils with severe learning difficulties. Nevertheless, they support the call from the NUT because they believe, as do our colleagues in mainstream schools, that teachers have to make a stand if the education system is to be protectd.

How dare the Prime Minister use emotive and insulting words like "disgraceful" and "despicable" about trade unionists pursuing a legitimate professional objective with the machinery at their disposal. What utter hypocrisy to play upon the public's and teachers' sympathies for the handicapped, while leading a Government which has shown scant regard for the handicapped, the sick, the unemployed, the poor, and the old.

Her own policies have caused more suffering for more adults and children than ever a teachers' strike could. Her rate-capping policies have caused suffering among the handicapped pupils at my own school by directly affecting the ability of the local authority properly to maintain the buildings, and by reducing the amount of capitation available to buy books and equipment.

Her Government's policies have caused hundreds of mentally ill adults to be "integrated" into the community without adequate provision for their care and rehabilitation.

The health service is bleeding to death through lack of funding: hospitals are told that they are overspending because they have shorter waiting lists than similar hospitals in neighbouring areas; people are dying because essential operations cannot be carried out on present levels of funding.

It is for these reasons that those of us who really care about the weak, the handicapped, and the less fortunate are taking the action our union recommends. There may be a certain amount of disruption to schools, there may even be some inconvenience to parents; but in the end a better education service, staffed by teachers proud of their profession, will enrage.

We will win a better future for our children — and the Prime Minister's insulting choice of words makes me more resolute.—Yours sincerely,

David Dewhirst,
Leeds Area Teachers' Association,
National Union of Teachers.

Sir, — We have just had a meeting with Sir Keith Joseph. He looked surprisingly fit, face to face; his eyes are acutely brown and sharp, an image that television fails to communicate.

He listened attentively as we told him how we had seen a rise in education standards over the last 10 years. He tensed when we complained that he was not informing MPs and the public sufficiently of these facts.

The secretary of state was apparently surprised when we agreed with him that the way forward for teachers was through assessment, but he tapped his feet agitatedly when we said that this should not be solely on his terms.

Sir Keith showed a genuine sense of sympathy for primary teachers. He felt there was much too much contact time for them in the classroom. But then he said there was far too much complacency in education.

He spoke of the inspectors' report on German schools, and left us with the distinct feeling that he believes teachers here have far too wide a role. We thought how nice it would be to have half the German teachers' salary and status.

As we told him that 60 per cent of staff were on the lowest salary scales, he took notes. We said they were no longer willing to take on the extra workload of many of his initiatives, particularly when they were so often being criticised publicly. He told us were were obviously enthusiastic; we preferred the term "dedicated and professional."

Later Sir Keith told journalists that we were a nice lot. We believe he is a nice man. But, as we told him, unless resources are given to teachers to enable them to do the job, he will lack credibility with us.

Indeed we admire kindness and sympathy in a minister. But that does not help us to buy our children new shoes, or enable schools to meet the needs of society.

Gerry Barsard,
Frank Newby,
Caroline Worsley,
Horsham and District Association,
National Union of Teachers.

Bad news barons

Sir, — Your leader of March 18 correctly draws the government's attention to the vested interests of the campaign which has been mounted by newspaper proprietors against the BBC and its case for an increase in the licence fee to £65. The unholy alliance of Murdoch, Maxwell, Fleet Holding, and the advertising industry, advocating that the BBC should be funded though advertising, has a direct interest in undermining the BBC ad the whole of public service broadcasting.

The technologies of print, broadcasting, cable and satellite are converging, and those people who now dominate the majority of Fleet Street papers are making moves towards controlling all areas of the media. Presumably with their ownership of broadcasting, cable and satellite, will come the same ethics which have brought bingo to Fleet Street.

Clearly those advocating that the BBC should be financed by advertising are not thinking of the standards of broadcasting in Britain or of where the £1 billion needed to fund the BBC is to be found. To rechannel this amount of revenue away from the outlets which already rely on it could close 25 provincial papers, and 15 ILR stations, as well as jeopardising a number of Fleet Street papers. The NUJ argues that a Royal Commission to look into broacasting and the electronic media is vital.

It is argued that it is now possible to remove the regulation within broadcasting. The US experience in deregulated cable has led to the jettisoning of all but the most popular programmes or channels. Broadcasting must not become a mere advertising medium. TV, radio, and cable should be regulated by Parliament. Companies must not be allowed to consider their profits above all other interests, or there will be a narrowing of programme choice at greater expense than the present claim of £65 for the BBC licence fee. —Yours faithfully,

John C. Foster,
National Union of Journalists,
London WC1.

Reverse charges

Sir,—You report Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney-General, as saying that many of the allegations in our 20/20 Vision documentary, MI5's Official Secrets, were "vague and unspecific". We dispute this.

On telephone tapping alone, we revealed the names of 14 individuals—trade unionists, journalists and a CND official whose phone calls had been intercepted. Our principal witness, Cathy Massiter, a former MI5 intelligence officer, even revealed the month and the year in which the present Home Secretary, Leon Brittan, signed the authorisation for MI5 to tap the home phone of Dr John Cox, a CND vice-president.

Sir Michael admits to consulting Mrs Thatcher, Mr Brittan and Lord Whitelaw before deciding not to prosecute either the witnesses or the programme makers under the Official Secrets Act.

What influence these discussions had on his decision we cannot say. However, it is misleading for Sir Michael to suggest that the programmes allegations were "vague and unspecific" and that this affected his decision not to prosecute.

It is more realistic to assume that the reverse is true: the allegations were so precise and well sourced that to have prosecuted would have been politically counter-productive.—Yours sincerely,

Claudia Milne,
Geoffrey Seed,
20/20 Vision,
London, W1.

Flack flak

Sir,—Flak (without the intrusive "c") is what gets thrown at you when you bloop: it's short for *FlugzeugAbwehrKanone*, German for antiaircraft gun, such as threw flak at RAF bomber crews during the great patriotic war.

Flack (complete with "c") (Leader and Posy, March 18) is good American for a PR man: a useful word which needs preserving in its true meaning for use in our own dear country.—Faithfully,

Grahame Leman,
London W3.

Kind of catalyst that could 'clean' our cars

Sir, — When Dr Russell Jones says (Letters, March 18) that British policy on vehicle emissions is "both economically misguided as well as environmentally disastrous," he is wide of the mark.

I agree with him that hydrocarbons as well as oxides of nitrogen (NOx) have been implicated among the possible causes of forest damage in Germany. For this reason, we would like to see lean burn technology combined with a simple "oxidation" catalyst, which will control hydrocarbons in exactly the same way as the "three-way" catalyst does.

We want to see the lean burn engine developed for two reasons. One is the significant potential for energy saving — at least 10 per cent.

The second is the reduction in NOx emissions. Although on test basis NOx emissions from a lean burn engine are orginally higher than those achieved by a "three-way" catalyst system when it is new, over the whole lifetime of a car they will be the same or perhaps even lower because of the greater inheren robustness of the lean burn technology.

So in environmental terms, we are convinced that this technological approach is one effective solution for Europe. In terms of resource costs to the Community, the difference is enormous — not just in energy terms but also in the cost of a new car to the consumer. The additional cost of a "three-way" catalyst system would be £400-£600. (Dr Russell Jones's figure of £50 ignores the complex additional controls needed for a "three way" catalyst). By contrast, the additional cost of a lean burn engine equipped with a simple oxidation catalyst would be about a quarter of this.

Dr Russell Jones himself sees "no reason why catalytic converters cannot be combined with lean burn engines to produce vehicles which are both pollution free and economical to man." This is indeed true for the simple oxidation catalyst I have mentioned. It is not true for the "three-way" catalyst system, which is incompatible with lean burn because lean burn engines run on too weak an air-fuel mixture for the NOx — reduction element of a "thee-way" catalyst to operate. — Yours sincerely,

William Waldegrave, MP,
(Minister of State),
Department of the Environment,
London SW1.

Miscellany

Sir,—Mr Robson (Letters, March 15) accuses Bob Fine of displaying confusion. Unfortunately, he too shows confusion, or perhaps a lack of knowledge, when he suggests "the right to strike is not limited by law."

The effect of laws introduced since 1980 is that much secondary action, most sympathy strikes, strikes to enforce union-labour-only agreements, inter-union strikes, and any strike called without observing the narrowly drawn ballot provisions of the 1984 Trade Union Act lose their immunity from civil action by employers and other affected parties.

This hardly adds up to an unlimited right to strike. Mr Robson!—Yours faithfully,

Michael Somerton,
University of Hull.

Sir, — Those complaining of telephone clicks and background voices should relax, remembering the old Western in which Jean Arthur reassured a nervous tenderfoot: "When you hear sump'n, it's nutt'n; when your hear nutt'n, that's an Indian." — Yours faithfully,

J. S. Cummins,
London WC1.

Sir,—While you are pondering T. C. Frenzel's advice, (Leters column, March 15) why not use the same transliteration as Tass which you reproduced on March 12: Gorbachyov? That extra "y" may not be Russian, but it certainly makes the word sound as if it might be.

John Collins,
42 Parliament Hill,
London NW3.

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A formula for farm safety

Sir, — The Agricultural and Allied Workers National Trade Group (Letters, March 13) uses the Bhopal chemical tragedy to make points about the Food and Environment Protection Bill now entering the committee stage in the Commons.

Manufacturers of agrochemicals fully evaluate their products in respect of hazards to human health and the environment, and they do so irrespective of the country to which the products are to be supplied. Industry does not differentiate between chemicals marketed in the country of manufacture or exported

All countries insist on making their own decisions about what chemicals they will use, and we must strive to ensure that they have all the information they need to make such decisions, and provide assistance and training to enable them to exercise a sound regulatory function.

The British Agrochemicals Association supports the United Nations Environment Programme/OECD proposals for information exchange between governments on regulatory decisions to ban or severely restrict products. We are glad to see that the Food and Environment Protection Bill provides for the ministers to fulfil this obligation.

Companies do not hoard the safety data on pesticides — it is made available in its totality to the Pesticides Safety Precautions Scheme and the independent Advisory Committee on Pesticides, and BAA has been pressing for more information to be available to the public on how safety assessments are made.

Anecdotal evidence (such as that in James Erlichman's article in the same issue) can be led to support the existence of almost any correlation, and suspicions of harm arising from low level exposure to pesticides should be subjected to rigorous scientific study. The potential for long term effects is examined in lifetime feeding studies, and not as he suggests by extrapolation from short term studies.

T. D. MacLean,
British Agrochemicals Association,
London SE1.

When crime seems preferable to prevention

Sir,—Not only do we have "crime opportunities provided by a rate of youth unemployment which ensures some of the fittest and most crime prone generations are unable to earn a living wage" (Leader, March 14) but a situation where permanent unemployment has become part of the sentence for offenders.

Since 1978 crime has increased by 37 per cent but expenditure on the criminal justice system has increased by 100 per cent. The strategy is a blatant failure, and a costly and dangerous one for society — double expenditure on the police, double expenditure on prisons, double expenditure on the courts. Meanwhile, what is available from the Home Office for resourcing crime prevention initiatives in the community and working with unemployed offenders and young people at risk of offending?

Apex Charitable Trust receives £60,000 a year (equivalent to the cost of keeping five people in prison for a year) from the Home Office, towards its work with young unemployed offenders. Last year the Trust gave training and involvement in voluntary work to over 5000 individuals.

The one third who left the Trust's centres did so because they had obtained a job or a full time training opportunity. It is not that the Home Office does not wish to give more support — it is just that it has not got any budget to support new initiatives by voluntary organisations.

There could not be a better investment than to put aside just half a per cent of the cost of the Criminal Justice System which would provide £20 million for community based crime prevention measures. It is the Home Secretary's responsibility to find answers to increasing crime and the escalating cost of locking people up.

There is clear evidence that a new direction is needed and that there are many local and national cost effective voluntary organisations wishing to help by working alongside the hard stretched and often isolated statutory sector. Will the Home Secretary continue to ignore the fact that his department just does not have the resources to enable this to happen?—Yours faithfully,

Bill Mather,
Apex Charitable Trust,
London SW9.

A COUNTRY DIARY

OXFORDSHIRE: Gulls are still scavenging in their thousands at local refuse-dumps, and parties of lesser black-backs on their way out from their reservoir roost continue to pass over my house soon after first light. These regular commuters simply pass straight over on the very deliberate course, and are always silent. But a few mornings ago, an hour or so after the usual passage, I was alerted by a raucous chorus of gull-cries from close at hand, and traced it to a party of lesser black-backs spiralling upwards, obviously using a thermal up-current as an effortless lift without involving wing-beats. At a height of two or three hundred feet, presumably at the limit of the rising mass of air, the party formed up and set off towards the north, still gliding rather than using wing-beats. On the following morning a similar performance was witnessed a little further away, but in totally different weather — cold and sunless, with a strong northerly wind, instead of mild and sunny. On this occasion an updraught bouncing off the side of the valley rather than a thermal, must have provided the lift. Since large migratory birds, such as storks, cranes and predators are known to save energy on their long journeys by rising on thermals, and then gliding for many miles to the base of the next one, it occurs to me that these gulls behaving in a similar fashion were likewise on migration, rather than setting out on a mere foraging expedition. They could be genuine long-distance migrants returning from Iberia or West Africa, where these birds used to winter when they were entirely summer migrants to our shores, and where many of them still do so. But since, amongst the thousands which now endure our winters, there are many which, from their truly black rather than dark grey backs are recognisable as of the Scandinavian race, it may be that these are now sorting themselves out and heading for home.

W. D. CAMPBELL

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Tranquillisers have changed the pattern of psychiatric practice. But now concern is growing about their lasting effects. Ron Lacey reports

When short-term tranquillity turns to lasting tyranny

WHEN the major tranquillisers were first introduced 30 years ago; they were hailed as the most significant advance ever made in the treatment of mental illness. They played an important part in transforming the very nature of psychiatric institutions from simple lock-ups to hospitals, and made it possible to shift the emphasis of psychiatric treatment away from hospitals towards the community. It would be difficult to overstate their importance in contemporary psychiatric practice. Yet concern is growing about the way in which they are sometimes used and the damage they may do to the people who take them over long periods.

The term major tranquillisers is a misnomer, as their effect is not to create tranquillity in the troubled mind but rather to act as suppressants over the whole personality; their proper name is neuroleptics, and they include drugs like chlorpromazine, helperidol and fuphenazine.

All have a wide range of adverse effects. Some actually cause mental and physical restlessness (akathisia); patients may be seen rocking their bodies, unable to sit or to stand still. They may cause pseudo-Parkinsonism, in which the patient's muscles stiffen and weaken, and mouth tends to hang open and produce excessive saliva; she or he may develop a characteristic walk that some patients call the "Modecate (or Largactil) shuffle."

Often these side-effects are severe enough to require patients simultaneously to take anti-Parkinsonian drugs. Neuroleptics can also cause impotence in men and disturbances of lactation and menstruation in women; they can cause serious weight problems.

But neuroleptics also control most of the symptoms of serious mental disorders, particularly in their acute phase, and so have a major importance in psychiatric treatment. Hallucinations, delusions, thought disorders and disturbed feelings can literally torture the mind of people with schizophrenia, for instance, and quite often the drugs provide the only effective relief from this mental anguish.

The side-effects may be a small price indeed for patients to pay for the relief they offer; the control of symptoms which may include seriously dangerous behaviour is often vital to their very survival.

Without doubt, too, many thousands of people would simply not be able to live in the community without the neuroleptics. Relatives of people with schizophrenia also have a good reason to be grateful for the relief they bring — even though for far too many patients, drug therapy is the only help offered and their relatives are too often completely ignored by the mental health services, in spite of clear evidence of social and family factors in psychiatric breakdowns or relapses.

But now concern about the effect of neuroleptics is growing. There is increasing evidence that they may cause irreversible damage to the central nervous system of those who take them, particularly if this is in high doses and over long periods. Many of their users take them in precisely this way: a large proportion of the four million or so prescriptions for neuroleptics written each year in Britain are repeat prescriptions for patients maintained on them over years.

The Newcastle Medical School estimates that no fewer than 40 per cent of all chronic long-stay patients in mental hospitals will suffer from a condition called tardive dyskinesia, which translated literally means difficulty of movement of late onset.

The evidence points to damage of the central stem of the brain, caused by the use of neuroleptic drugs. Patients develop involuntary movements of the face, limbs and trunk; as the condition develops, facial movements become more pronounced, hands and feet twist and fidget, legs may cross and uncross and the body may rock to and fro. These movements are more often seen in elderly people, who are more prone to developing the condition, but they can be seen in younger psychiatric patients as well. The condition may clear up with time, but Dr Tony Whitehead, a consultant geriatrician in Brighton, says that he has never seen this happen.

The prevelance of tardive dyskinesia is difficult to pin down with certainty. But the best estimates indicate that at least 10-20 per cent of mental patients and at least 40 per cent of elderly ones will experience some degree of it if they are maintained on neuroleptics over years. A small but vociferous international lobby is calling for the control or even the banning of these drugs because of what they see as the unacceptable risk associated with their use.

Most informed people would regard this lobby as out of touch with the realities of psychiatric treatment and seriously irresponsible as well. But in the United States, patients have successfully sued prescribing doctors for failing to warn them of the risk of tardive dyskinesia associated with long-term use of neuroleptics.

The issue raises serious ethical and moral dilemmas, for psychiatrists, the relatives of psychiatric patients and the community at large. But neuroleptics are now also widely used to treat problems beyond those of psychiatric illness.

These drugs can make people more manageable and less demanding. They have been implicated in the torture of prisoners in Soviet psychiatric prisons. Allegations concerning their use as the "chemical cosh" continues to emerge from British prisons. Most worrying of all, perhaps, is their routine use for the management and control of people with mental handicaps.

In his recent scholarly review of the use of neuroleptic drugs for the mentally handicapped, Dr Oliver Russell, consultant senior lecturer in mental handicap at Bristol University, raises serious and disturbing issues. Most people with mental handicaps, he observes, enjoy good health; for the most part, they do not need medication. But he refers too to "abundant evidence in the United Kingdom and United States of the over-prescribing and abuse of psychotropic drugs."

Can it be acceptable to a civilised society that neuroleptic drugs should be so widely prescribed to this particularly vulnerable and disadvantaged group of people? As Dr Russell says, mentally handicapped people may not be able to give expression to their pain, discomfort and distress. Cynics may argue that to use powerful drugs to manage vulnerable people is more akin to battery farming than to humane and decent care.

The neuroleptics do offer the possibility of release from mental anguish. But they also have a powerful potential for the abuse and neglect of people who are difficult, demanding and vulnerable. One way towards preventing abuse is for the public, patients and professionals to be more aware of, and sensitive to, the issues surrounding the use of the so-called major tranquillisers.

Ron Lacey is assistant director of MIND. The Price of Tranquillity? will be shown on Channel 4 on Friday.

Skyros: hands up for self-knowledge

Does the search for the ideal community get easier if it's on a Greek island? Ann Shearer recalls an experiment in summer living

Island of dreams

MARIA who runs the cafe and her friends have a cascade of gossip about the place. Remember the time its people danced down the street in extraordinary costumes? Or the time — and it's true because one of them saw it all from her kitchen window — when they danced around the Centre with no costumes on at all? "Ah," says Maria as the laughter subsides, "those people at the Centre — they suffer from their nerves, they search a little."

The Centre is on Skyros and the cafe is on the main street and this will be the seventh summer to bring its influx of seekers toiling up the second to the first, in pursuit of not just Aegean joys but psychotherapeutics and creativity as well.

They come for a fortnight at least and may stay longer. They have been duly warned in the brochure of what they may expect: "The Skyros experience can be an intense and life-changing one. Participants are of course responsible for their own change process, and the Centre is, therefore, not suitable for those who are at present too emotionally disturbed to take such responsibility." The recipe has proved successful enough for its originators to launch the Atsitsa Club on the other side of the island, dedicated to the pursuit of holistic health and wellbeing.

The inspiration comes from Dina Glouberman, an American therapist living in London who by the mid-seventies was looking to move beyond the constraints of polytechnic lecturing and running growth groups only once a month. The Greek connection, together with the flair for getting the buildings and the business built, comes through her husband Yannis Andricopoulos, who is mostly a journalist and historian.

The vision, says Dina, was to create "a place where people can go for short periods which offer as ideal a way of life as possible — where they can move from the external to the internal, be recognised for who they are, with a sense of comfort, of loving and being loved, and get to know who they are a bit better."

This place was itself to be a sort of social laboratory: "Can we create a society that works — a community where each individual has the chance of influencing what goes on, with structures that encourage cooperation and not competition, where people are open, and meet as a whole and not through role relationships?"

Human nature has not unexpectedly offered its own sort of answer to that. The establishment of a self-creating community was the ideal. But what people seemed to want in practice, it seemed to Dina after the first three years, was "an hotel with groups, run by an efficient, charismatic, understanding, and loving hotel manager."

So she spread the managerial load and speaks now of "symbolic community" rather than the real thing — with staff on hand to help make it happen and the three community meetings a week reduced to a single one. The visitors still help clean, shop, and prepare the food for the two communal meals each day; but agreed rotas and a full-time cook and general manager have taken over from the spontaneous cooperation that in the past led to hassles about why some people didn't have any.

But some elements of the vision haven't changed that much. The first is Skyros itself, chosen for just that reason as the least tourist-ridden of the Sporades. The introduction of a daily flight to Athens may change all that. But for now, visitors to the Atsitsa Club have a glorious pine-clad isolation in their thatched huts at the edge of the sea, with no more than a taverna and a couple of farms in sight.

Those who come to the Centre itself are slap in the midst of that labyrinth of cobbled lanes that climbs steeply up to the acropolis where Odysseus press-ganged Achilles into the Trojan War, not deceived for a moment by his mother's attempts to pass him off as a girl.

It looks like the prototype for the Greek island village. And for all the significant swivelling of local eyes and tapping of temples when you mention the Centre, there's a hospitality and friendliness about that doesn't feel to have more than partly to do with the business brought by the visitors, billeted in local houses as they are. Yannis talks of the liberal tradition of the Aegean islands, expressed in their political history and now, he says, in local acceptance of the Centre and its works.

The acceptance has also, he reckons, to do with the well-mannered nature of the visitors themselves, and that doesn't change much either. To judge by the group I joined last summer, we're hardly a bunch of social fringe-dwellers. We are rather very often single and more often yet women, because the Centre is a safe and potentially welcoming place for single people, and especially women, to come to. We are mostly in our thirties and forties. Two-thirds of us are British, and most of us are doing not badly at all in our professional lives.

That profile certainly has something to do with the cost of the place — £280 a fortnight's session at this year's summer peak, and that's for a shared room and without the price of travelling. But it also says something about the preoccupations that lure the visitors, and those surely don't change much either — whether they are concerned for failing bodies or the questions that come with the middle years. (Make what you will of what our group's preponderance of professional carers and civil servants says about the current social malaise.)

While visitors to Atsitsa can seek integration of body, mind and spirit through windsurfing, yoga, T'ai Chi, dream journeys and meditation, the cement of the Skyros experience is the daily therapy group. Tom Feldberg, a former director of the Institute for Human Potential in London, has been involved with the Centre since its start.

He didn't frighten just me, as I later discovered, when he introduced himself to my group as someone who liked to work with people who like to take risks, and didn't even smile as he said it. But you get a taste of two different styles of group leadership during the fortnight, and discovering the level at which you want to participate is part of what the time is about — with a lot of group generosity along the way.

The experience, however, is intense — and was intensified again while I was there by the powerful optional extra of daily psychodrama. As Tom points out, in most growth groups you can walk away from the other participants after a few hours; here the only alternative to eating with them may be an isolation that most people don't want.

He sounds nostalgic for the excitement of the pioneering days: "The more careful people have come when they heard it was not a suicidal venture." But if some people had the okay group jargon off so pat that they sounded to have been at it since the heydays of the 1960s, a fair number had no experience of this sort of groupwork at all.

The fortnight brought up a deal of individual pain, rage, fear and deep suffering as well, and amid all the dramatic screamings and the quieter tears, a privileged reminder of a central human paradox: that we're all both unique in our individual experience and the opposite in our emotional fundamentals.

Lucky for us that intensity of experience takes us both ways. Easier to be joyful in sea, sun and taverna, of course, than in, say, a promenade cafe on a wet English afternoon. I don't think the Sidmouth experience would be quite the same. We chose other activities with their own riches — a drawing party, a dream workshop, experiments in parapsychology and the rudiments of Greek dancing. And at the celebratory parties you could sense that elusive sense of community itself.

Some people, though only a few, leave Skyros so distressed by their discoveries there that they feel worse than when they arrive. Some find that re-entry into a world where openness of relationship and self-expression is not so highly prized as here brings a slump.

There are people who came back to Skyros, and some more than once. There are people whose life really has changed as a result of a stint there, like Melissa, who last year threw over her job and moved from one part of the country to another, or maybe Susan, whose discovery that she didn't, really didn't, need to suffer kept her buoyant all the way to Athens and, who knows, beyond.

For some there's a taste of a way out of loneliness. For others, like Jennifer, what promised to be a way of solving the problem of how you holiday on your own turned out to bring unexpected personal and professional gains in the witnessing of how people could touch the bottom of their pain and survive, plus the bonus of a better holiday than many. For me, there was not just the delight of the island but the chance to learn from the mirror others offered me and to try out bits of myself I'd forgotten were there.

David, who's a civil servant, wasn't at first so sure at all. He didn't really know what he expected, but it certainly wasn't the dramatic outbursts, the cushion-thumping and all those tears, which to him were both embarrassing and self-indulgent. So he spent most of the first week between the beach and the local bars.

"But I was surprised that people seemed interested in my position and seemed to respect my stance. So he edged back into his therapy group.

"Then it gradually sank into my thick head that I didn't have to 'perform' but could identify my needs and try a little bit. So I got a lot out of it. Withdrawal is my normal stance — pretending to be happy, but with a desire for more and a fear of rejection. Now I can see that more is possible. I'm left with an image: it's as if I'm sitting in a dark room and there's a little chink of light through the door. I've got a choice — to push the door open wider or sit and watch it close."

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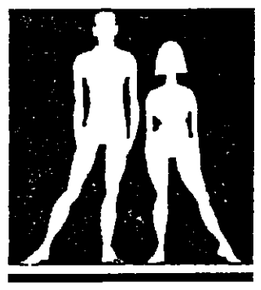

BODY AND SOUL

Rules of the game

"IT WAS the carrots that did it," she said to the woman alongside her on the platform. "He never did anything kinky till he started eating those carrots. I reckon they put him in mind of it." A tube train rattled into Oxford Circus and shattered my eavesdropping. But I recognised the game that was being played. It was a low-level version of the analysis game in which the players elaborate theories about human behaviour. In First Division clashes, the points go to those who use the least experimental evidence yet provoke the most cries of "What a clever idea" from the spectators.

Freud devised the game's Culbertson conventions and endowed it with the social cachet it once shared with Times crossword puzzling and "serious" bridge. In its heyday the game removed the drama from Oedipus and the fun from sex, and ensured that those versatile acrobats Ego and Id were good for an evening's bouncing on the conversational trampoline.

Two weeks ago the BBC's QED programme on sexual attraction hinted at the game's existence but refused to play it, and I enjoyed the programme hugely because of the tenacity with which it retained its sanity and its sense of humour.

Its success sent me back to a work which, when tackling the same subject, had failed to retain either — the seminal piece that gave me my first hint that the game had lost its bourgeois status and was now a kick-about which anyone could join. It is an article headed "Understanding Sexual Attraction" written by "our psychologist" in one of those magazines they thrust into your hands if you arrive at a London terminus on a commuter train.

Our psychologist's first move in the game is this: "Female breasts appeal to men because their shape mimics the buttocks which are obviously zones of erotic interest."

And a sharp no-nonsense opener it is, too. No concessions there to perverts who might think bottoms attractive because they mimic breasts, or simpler folk who find breasts attractive because they resemble breasts and bottoms attractive because they resemble bottoms.

Yet the allure of the analysis game is that, no matter how outraged you are by your opponents' propositions, you feel compelled to riposte.

"The female umbilicus," I found myself responding, "attracts the male because it resembles the foxhole in which every man would like to hide to protect himself from an anxiety-ridden world."

Once you've tuned into the wavelength, profundities will spill from your lips like imitation pearls popping out of their plastic moulds. "A man may be attracted by a nurse's uniform because it reminds him of the midwife who, at his birth, severed the only attachment he had to his mother."

The best moves, though, are those that extend your opponent's observations. When our psychologist writes, "Female legs are triggers to sexual response because they lead to potential delights," an experienced player will reply: "Depends on which way you're travelling. So a foot fetishist is a chap who took the wrong turning at his mother's knee."

These days the amateur game is not what it used to be but the professionals are still at it. We still have magistrates who *know* why others sin and read them pious homilies while they stand in the dock. Just as we still have MPs who *know* that pornography drives men to lustful acts and not that lust drives men to pornography. We also at the moment seem to have a lot of anyalysts who *know* exactly why we have a "drugs problem."

Which is why I regret missing the master game that was due to be played at Lord's last week when the executive committee of the Test and County Cricket Board met to analyse their official response to players accused of taking drugs.

The moments I would have savoured were expected to come late in the innings when, according to the agenda, the participants would switch their attention from cannabis to over rates in Benson and Hedges matches and the John Player League.

Did anyone risk the opener: "Sportsmen who promote an addictive drug that causes 100,000 unneccessary deaths in their country every year, may have lost their right to be censorious about pot?"

I would have declared it a no-ball. It relies on far too much experimental evidence.

Michael O'Donnell

Why there is nothing new in witchcraft's powerful spell

SECOND OPINION

I AM glad to see that the Guardian is prepared to take seriously the growing interest in witchcraft, as reflected by Joy Melville's excellent article (Society Tomorrow, March 6). But in presenting as she did two opposing opinions about the value of witchcraft, she has created something of a dilemma for the neutral, open-minded enquirer.

Are witchcraft and the occult evil or not? Do they do good, or destroy? Why should any intelligent human being want to be involved in so-called sorcery anyway?

Whether or not witchcraft can actually make a person powerful is something that can only be answered by experience. The reality, however, is that practitioners of the occult believe it makes them powerful, and belief itself is a powerful thing. The upsurge of interest in witchcraft clearly reflects a need among people to examine today's beliefs and practices, in the hope either of improving their lives or of dramatically increasing their status and position through the possession of more than ordinary knowledge and power.

But this is nothing new. The occult is as old as humankind. It will increasingly make its presence felt. But like nuclear power, it can be used for good or for ill. Much more research is going to be needed by reputable and responsible people to help foster greater understanding of the occult, rather than leaving it in the hands of mysterious and sometimes rather sinister leaders of Black Magic covens.

Mark Ashley,
Sudbury,
Suffolk.

"THE resurgence of humanity's oldest religion is all the more striking because its living tradition was virtually stamped out a thousand years ago. The fragments preserved by witches were distorted as much by their occult lore as by secrecy and persecution; modern witchcraft is a reconstruction, like modern paganism.

Occultism is not a religion *per se*: one can work magic (or not, if you prefer to doubt it) in the name of any gods or none. Christian spiritualists and healers have as good a track record as witches. The value of studying such things in a religious context is that it gives an ethical framework for something as amoral as physics or chemistry (if less reliable).

The value of studying them through witchcraft is simply that of having experts around to help. Probably some witches and occultists have intimidated and exploited people; the same can be said of Christian groups or any other movement with a strong emotional appeal.

Satanism, being the product of Christian dualism and pragmatic materialism, is really irrelevant to pagan cults. Unfortunately, it is easily confused with them, as it has always borrowed ritual and occult practice from witchcraft, and the Church's blindness to the difference only adds to people's confusion.

Satanic groups are power-orientated, but there is a simpler test: they betray their origin by being male-dominated in theology and structure. Behind differences of myth and ritual, the ground of all pagan faith is the worship of our Beloved Mother by whatever name we call Her. Magic is only one of the ways to Her which people are rediscovering.

Anthony Gilbert,
Huddersfield.

THE Church has a vested interest in perpetuating myths about Black Magic, witches' covens and so on. And the occultists for their part usually play along with the Church: some go in for desecration and naked frolics at midnight, but the majority of them simply dress up their hotch-potch of beliefs and superstitions in the garb of what they call "paganism" or "the old religion." For the most part this is good, harmless fun — but totally misrepresentative of paganism or any of the pre-Christian belief systems.

Occultists talk vaguely of "psychic forces" and "magic" without really defining these terms. Certainly these concepts have little to do with the shamanic magic of primary cultures, or even the magic of medieval and Renaissance Europe.

Shamanic magic may best be delineated as primitive technology, the knowledge and skills of a variety of arts, among them healing, herbal lore, hypnotism and animal psychology. Alchemy and astrology as practised in medieval and Renaissance Europe have more in common with modern chemistry and astronomy than they have with the modern occultist's pseudo-sciences. Shamans were also adept at applied and theoretical psychology, which they probably used in the dissemination of propaganda; some of this may have come down to us in the form of myths and in various forms of social and political control, as, for instance, using punishment and persuasion.

Modern Satanists, occultists and so on have made a cult of unreason because they see science and religious orthodoxy as part of a system of moral and spiritual oppression. In this they are probably right, but it is not the fault of science or Christianity: it is just they have been hijacked by politicians in order to control and manipulate people. In this sense, most occultists are well-meaning. But they are playing the game according to the oppressor's rules.

Robert Turpin,
Plymouth.

Brain power

I KNOW of no one working in the field of artificial intelligence who considers machines equal, still less superior, to people (Body and Soul, February 27). The issue is whether computers, which to date have proven themselves as stupid as any other machine (although capable of performing some mathematical and other symbol-manipulating tasks) could in principle exhibit the intelligence of a human, that is, whether they could think.

Turing proposed his test because no one could agree on a definition of thought; he proposed that if we could not distinguish, on the basis of an arbitrarily long conversation, whether the entity we were talking to was a computer or a person, we should then accept that the machine possesses intelligence.

No one to my knowledge has ever claimed to produce a computer system which would not swiftly reveal its lack of intelligence, when subjected to such a test. The question is whether we can show now that it will never be possible for a computer system to have such abilities.

"Those who take Turing's line" do not, as Mary Midgley says, think it necessary to find "a mysterious occult quality called thought." Turing took the view that there are no such occult qualities: that thought and motives are somehow — we don't understand how — grounded in nothing but the grey matter.

If there are no mysterious occult substances involved, then there is no good reason why it should not in principle be possible to imbue machines with motives and other appurtenances of thought. By contrast, John Searle seems to believe that fleshy neurons have some kind of special "mental stuff" which inorganic chips can never have.

L. Bevan.
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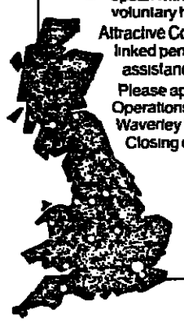

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Starting salary of Project Worker is £8,052 pa plus car allowance and care loan scheme, according to qualifications, experience etc.

Further information and application forms available from Mark Farey, Senior Housing Officer, Hyde & South Bank Housing Association, 63 Anerley Road, London SE19, Tel 01-659 8054.

Closing date for returned applications is 15th April, 1985.

HYDE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Small inner city based Housing Association and Charity specialising in integrated Housing and community projects seeks Development Officer to take responsibility for an expanding new build and rehabilitation development and maintenance programme which includes special projects. The Association undertakes preliminary research and consults with a wide range of statutory and voluntary organisations so as to be in a position to make an informed contribution to the needs of communities in deprived and multi-racial areas.

We are looking for someone with appropriate housing experience and sound knowledge of capital funding procedures who would enjoy the challenge of working in an Association with an unusual range of activities. The person appointed will be expected to have a flexible approach to work in a non-hierarchical capacity and to deputise for the Director if necessary.

N J C. salary scale but not less than £10,500 20 days holiday Contributory Superannuation scheme.

Please apply in writing to **The Director, Hummingbird, 24 Holborn Viaduct, London EC1.**

For further information please telephone **The Director, 01-248 0583.**

CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (LIVERPOOL) LIMITED

CDS is an inner city, community-based housing association, buying and improving older houses for rent in Housing Action Areas, building new homes, and working with housing co-operatives

Our Wavertree Area Office has a vacancy for a

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Grades AP4/5; Points 24-30. £7,524 to £9,114 p.a.

to administer an annual rehabilitation programme, major repairs and new-build schemes and to provide development administration services to client housing co-operatives

We are looking for

- an effective and experienced administrator with sound organisation skills and the ability to meet deadlines
- good communication, presentation and liaison skills
- previous experience of housing association or other public sector development administration will be a strong advantage
- a mature and flexible outlook and the ability to work as part of a team.

For application forms and more information, phone 051-734 2224

Applications should be returned to **Catherine Meredith (Director), C.D.S. (Liverpool) Limited, 39/41 Bold Street, Liverpool L1 4EU.**

Closing date Wednesday, 3rd April, 1985.

C.D.S. is an Equal Opportunities Employer, and welcomes applications irrespective of sex, race or disability

CDS

THAMES REACH HOUSING ASSOCIATION

DIRECTOR

Salary PO2 point 42 NJC—£14,229 (inclusive of L.W.)

Applications are invited for the post of **DIRECTOR OF THAMES REACH HOUSING ASSOCIATION — an innovative, independent non-statutory organisation, presently funded by the GLC, to help people who sleep rough in Central London via a team of outreach workers and accommodation currently under development. THAMES REACH has been operational since March, 1984, and the Director is required to continue the planning, development and leadership of the project.**

Further information, job description and application form available from: Chris Smith-Gillespie, Thames Reach H.A., 33/34 Craven Street, London WC2N 5NP. Tel: (01) 930 4217.

Closing date for applications: 9th April.

Thames Reach is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications from all sectors of the community.

Thames Reach Housing Association is funded by the GLC.

METROPOLITAN HOUSING TRUST LTD.

PROJECTS OFFICER

£7,803 to £10,362

A vacancy has arisen in the South London office of the Trust for a suitably experienced person to deal with the administration of a varied programme of housing rehabilitation and new building schemes from property purchasing through to completion of building works.

Application form and further details from:

John Barker,
1 St. Lukes Avenue,
London SW4 7LG.
Tel: 01-622 3949.

Closing date: **1st April, 1985.**

Jobs in Housing ...

HERA *can help*

We have details of posts throughout Greater London for women looking for full-time, part-time, permanent or temporary work in the Housing field.

These include clerical, secretarial, accounting and admin jobs, as well as professional Housing management vacancies.

Via our register and jobs bulletin we link employers with job seekers.

To register with us — or to advertise your current vacancy — Contact **HERA: HOUSING EMPLOYMENT REGISTER AND ADVICE FOR WOMEN**
120/122 CROMWELL ROAD, LONDON SW7
01-370 2545 *Tuesdays to Fridays*

Section 43 of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 applies.

VICTORIA PARK HOUSING ASSOCIATION LTD

This Christian-based Housing Association, operating in Tower Hamlets, wishes to appoint a

HOUSING ASSISTANT

to assist the Housing Manager in all aspects of the management and maintenance of 300 dwellings including sheltered housing, general family rehabilitation, shared ownership property and hostel bed-spaces.

There will be the opportunity for training and the prospect of taking over particular areas of responsibility in due course.

The successful applicant should be enthusiastic, capable and fit readily into a small office team. A good general education is required and some relevant experience is desirable.

Salary £6,000-£7,000 pa according to age and experience.

For further details and an application form contact The Director, VPHA, 29 Lyal Road, London E3 5QG, Tel 01-981 5932.

SHARED OWNERSHIP HOUSING ASSOCIATION

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Salary Scale £11,181—£11,802 Plus Car Allowance

The successful applicant will have extensive development experience. Ability to identify and introduce new ideas and then to follow them through is all part of the job.

Applicants must be fully conversant with the procedures and requirements of the Housing Corporation and have a commercial outlook to development work.

We work under pressure, but enjoy the job, so do come and join the A Team.

Application forms are available from **Jill Rickard, Shared Ownership Housing Association, Park House, Manor Park Road, Harlesden NW10. Telephone 01-961 4804.**

HOUSING PROJECT WORKER

A full-time worker is needed by Blackfriars Housing For Young People Project (BHYPP) to manage a developing programme of accommodation for homeless young people aged 16-21 years from N. Southwark and N. Lambeth. Experience in housing and an ability to work with this age group essential. The staff team reflects the racial and sexual balance maintained in our properties.

We welcome applications from all sections of the community and wish to encourage applications from ethnic minorities (Section 38 1(b) of the Race Relations Act applies).

Salary Scale 6 £9,780 (including LW). Telephone or write for details and application form to BHYPP, Blackfriars Settlement, 44-47 Nelson Square, London SE1. Tel. 01-928 8521, ext. 39. Closing date April 9.

BHYPP is a GLC and LB Southwark funded project.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY APPOINTMENTS

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REGIONAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Following implementation of revised management arrangements, the following senior posts are available in a progressive team involved in the planning and development of health services:

SERVICE CO-ORDINATOR

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES – Ref V51/85
(Sc.23 – £12,371–£15,611 p.a.)

The postholder has specific responsibility for the Chairmanship of the Regional Mental Health Care Group Planning Team, development of policies, preparation and review of major planning documents, development of a comprehensive system for monitoring implementation of mental health objectives, development of an information base for mental health services planning and for implementing innovative planning techniques.

SERVICE CO-ORDINATOR

HEALTH PROMOTION & EXTERNAL LIAISON – Ref V52/85
(Sc.23 – £12,371–£15,611 p.a.)

The postholder has specific responsibilities for the Chairmanship of the Regional Health Promotion Planning Team, development of policies, preparation and review of major planning documents, the development of a comprehensive system for monitoring implementation of health promotion objectives, developing an information base and implementing innovative planning techniques in Health Promotion. The postholder will also manage the Regional Health Promotion Fund and will liaise with external organisations.

Ideal candidates will have several years of relevant experience and will be of degree calibre. Energy, enthusiasm and administrative ability are also required qualities. They should have proven ability to lead a small team and be able to present ideas both orally and in writing to all levels and disciplines in the Health Service

Mr Ray Charman or Dr R Pollock will welcome informal enquiries on Oxford 64861

For further details and an application form, please contact the Recruitment Officer at the address below, quoting the appropriate reference number.

Closing date: 9th April 1985.

Oxford Regional Health Authority
Old Road, Headington, Oxford OX3 7LF.
Tel: Oxford 64861. Ext 228/268

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND CLERKS DEPARTMENT

CENTRAL PURCHASING OFFICER

INITIAL CONTRACT – 5 YEARS DURATION
Up to £16,000 per annum

The North Yorkshire County Council serves a population of 674,000 and is responsible for the largest geographical county in England. It spends approximately £30m per annum on goods and services and needs a centralised and well monitored purchasing function.

The Central Purchasing Officer's key tasks will be to ensure that all purchases, for all departments, are made in the most advantageous manner; that common terms and centrally negotiated contracts are utilised throughout the Authority and that standing orders, financial regulations and tendering policies are enforced.

You will be required to negotiate at a senior level with both suppliers and the Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation (a buying co-operative of public sector bodies of which the County Council is an active member); represent the Authority on various Committees; recommend appropriate stores systems and liaise with all departments and outside organisations to ensure an efficient purchasing policy.

The successful candidate will need at least five years in a senior purchasing role, membership of I.P.S. and ideally a qualification in business management.

If you feel you can meet these requirements then write for an application form and further particulars to the Chief Executive and Clerk of the County Council, County Hall, Northallerton, North Yorkshire DL7 8AD or telephone (0609) 3123 Ext. 636.

Closing date: 12th April 1985.

GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR

The Scientific Department of the Cancer Research Campaign requires a Graduate to take day to day responsibility for the administration of its many project grants to Universities and Medical Schools

This is a new post, to be filled as soon as possible, which requires someone who is well organised, numerate as well as literate, and who is capable of taking on responsibility within a busy no smoking office. A knowledge of science, although not essential, will be an advantage.

The appointment will be on the Civil Service Executive Officer / Higher Executive Officer Grade (salary £7,896 — £9,793 plus non-contributory superannuation, according to age, experience and qualifications).

Further particulars can be obtained from the Administration Officer, Cancer Research Campaign, 2 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AR

to whom applications, including a full curriculum vitae and the names of two referees, should be sent by Friday, 29 March 1985.

CYNGOR SIR GWYNEDD COUNTY COUNCIL

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£22,983 + £576(4) = £25,284

Gwahoddir ceisiadau oddi wrth Benseiri cofrestrig sy'n aelodau o'r RIBA. Dylai'r ymgeiswyr fod a phrofiad eang o waith pensaerniol a rheolaeth ar lefel uchel, nid o reidrwydd mewn llywodraeth leol. Mae Pensaer y Sir yn bennaeth ar Adran sylweddol sydd yn gyfrifol am ddylunio adeiladau newydd, a chynnal a chadw oddeutu 700 o adeiladau sydd eisoes ym meddiant y Cyngor Sir. Bydd hefyd yn aelod o Dim Rheoli'r Sir. Lleolir Prif Swyddfa'r Adran ym mhencadlys newydd y Sir yng Nghaernarfon.

Gwybodaeth o'r Gymraeg yn hanfodol.

Lwfans car a chymorth i brynu ar gael. Cymorth ariannol tuag at gostau mudo a chostau ail gartrefu eraill mewn achlosion priodol.

(This is an advertisement for the post of County Architect).

Ffurflenni cais a manylion pellach gan Swyddog Personel y Sir, Swyddfa'r Sir, Caernarfon, Dyddiad cau: 1 Ebrill, 1985.

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT
AUDIT AND SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Data Protection Officer

£14,013 — £15,042

This newly established post will carry responsibility for ensuring that all Departments of the City are aware of their responsibilities under the Data Protection Act 1984, and of their possible future responsibilities arising out of the Local Government (Access to Information) Bill re confidentiality, security and disclosure of data. It will also take on responsibility for determining the security measures which regulate the daily accessing of confidential data within all computerised systems run by the City

The successful applicant will probably hold a professional qualification of some sort, although it is emphasised that we are not seeking applications exclusively from any particular discipline or background. It is critical however that applicants should have a good understanding of the new and anticipated legislation and should have the interest, enthusiasm and innovative skills required to set standards in this new area of work.

Informal enquiries will be welcomed by Stephen Freer on 021-235 2985.

Job description and application forms (returnable by 3rd April 1985). Tel: 021-235 2983.

Ref A4

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An equal opportunities employer

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

GLC

Working for London

Finance Officer

South Bank Concert Halls

To manage and control all financial activities, from Box Office accounting to preparation of budget bids and annual estimates. As a member of the management team, the officer provides financial/statistical information and advice and liaise on the implementation and development of computerised systems.

Applicants must be either fully qualified accountants with some senior level financial management experience; part-qualified with at least 2 years' senior level financial experience; or have a minimum of 5 years' financial experience, 2 of them at senior level. Experience of a large organisation is essential. The post demands the technical expertise to apply and develop accounting and budgeting systems, together with good communication skills and proven staff management ability.

Salary: £14,781–£16,545 inclusive.

For an application form, to be returned by 4th April 1985, write to: GLC Department for Recreation and the Arts, Room 686, The County Hall, SE1 7PB or telephone 01-633 1666.

Project Office Manager

To provide administrative support to a housing project management group of technical, professional and administrative staff. Duties include financial monitoring of project schemes, preparing committee reports and correspondence/liaison with Council officers, contractors, tenants and residents.

Proven communication skills are essential, together with the ability to manage and motivate staff and to work effectively alongside professional officers. The job requires the capacity to acquire a knowledge of building contract procedures and the Council's financial and information systems rapidly.

Salary: £11,325–£13,065 inclusive.

Housing Information Officer

To work within a team responsible for preparing and developing information material on the achievements of the Council's Housing Department. In addition to involvement in planning and arranging a wide variety of exhibitions and audio visual presentations, the job entails providing general administrative support.

Experience of the preparation of a wide range of correspondence and other written material is essential with good communication skills, initiative and flexibility. This should be coupled with a sound understanding of current housing issues and the ability to acquire a knowledge of the GLC's housing programme quickly.

Salary: £11,325–£13,065 inclusive.

For an application form, to be returned by 4th April 1985, write to: GLC Housing Department, IB2N, The County Hall, SE1 7PB or telephone 01-633 4771.

Divisional Administrator

Waste Operations

The Solid Waste Management Branch's Operations & Maintenance Division is responsible for the disposal of some 3.25 million tonnes of household and commercial waste a year.

This post provides executive support and advice to the Divisional Manager (Operations) and his senior professional staff and calls for strong leadership qualities with the ability to lead, control and develop the work of widely dispersed support staff within a professional environment. Applicants must be highly effective communicators, with the ability to acquire or have knowledge of the Council's Code of Practice on Tenders and Contracts, and an aptitude for the handling and interpretation of data and statistics.

Salary: £14,781–£16,545 inclusive.

For an application form, to be returned by 4th April 1985, write to: GLC Department of Public Health Engineering, Room 180, North Block, The County Hall, SE1 7PB or telephone 01-633 4256/4395.

Committee Clerks

Openings have arisen at several levels for people with a knowledge or experience of local government committee work or related procedures to assist in the clerking and servicing of one or more of the Council's Committees. The full range of clerking duties is entailed: from preparation of agendas, correspondence and reports to arranging, attending and minuting meetings. Wide liaison with GLC Members, officers, outside organisations and the public is an essential feature of the work.

Initiative, tact, flexibility and good communication skills are needed, with proven ability to produce accurate, detailed work under pressure. For the senior posts staff management experience and the capacity to recognise and deal with sensitive issues is also needed.

Appointments are at 3 levels.

Senior Assistant Committee Clerk
Salary: £11,352–£13,065 inclusive. Ref: D659.

Assistant Committee Clerk
Salary: £9,255–£11,325 inclusive. Ref: D660.

Senior Committee Assistant
Salary: £6,927–£9,255 inclusive. Ref: D661.

For an application form, to be returned by 4th April 1985, write to: GLC Director-General's Department, Room 203, The County Hall, SE1 7PB or telephone 01-633 2390.

LONDON AGAINST RACISM

The GLC is an equal opportunities employer. We invite applications from women and men from all sections of the community, irrespective of their ethnic origin, colour, sexual orientation or disability, who have the necessary attributes to do the job.

These posts are suitable for job sharing

Senior Officer

Conservation (SO 1/2)
£9,477 to £11,025 with essential user car allowance.

To join a small group in the Environment and Conservation Section. Duties include providing specialist advice on urban design and conservation matters, contributing to policy reviews, involvement with town schemes including grants to historic buildings, and assisting with D.O.E. re-survey of listed buildings

An architectural qualification is essential, together with a particular interest in urban conservation and historic buildings, and relevant experience. MRTPI or similar would be an advantage

Planning Assistant

(Scale 4-6, or Scale 6 to SO 1)
£6,555 to £9,114 or £8,352 to £10,107
(with MRTPI and relevant experience).

Duties cover a variety of development plan responsibilities in Policy Group, including assistance with regional reports, EEC matters, Rural Developments Programme, employment analysis review of strategic policies and local plan liaison

A degree or post graduate diploma in Town and Country Planning is essential. MRTPI and relevant experience required for the higher salary. A particular interest in regional economics and development of policies for industry and employment would be an advantage

If you would like to discuss either post before applying, please ring Kendal (0539) 21000 for David Booth (Group Leader), ext. 281 for the first, Tom Shepherd (Group Leader) ext. 300 for the second

Further details and application forms from the County Planning Officer, County Offices, Kendal LA9 4RQ, ext. 203 on the above number. Closing date for receipt of applications is 29th March, 1985.

Cumbria

Do you have the ability
to manage a local authority in the 1980's?

WE ARE SEEKING A

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Stirling District Council is in the business of providing a wide range of high quality services across an area of 850 square miles of Scotland's most beautiful scenery

Stirling District is the place where Scotland's future meets the past. High technology, heritage and history live side by side within the district. Stirling itself is ideally located for further development being only 45 minutes from both Glasgow and Edinburgh

The Council is now looking for someone of exceptional ability to play a major part in the further development of services

The successful candidate will probably have

1. A degree, and/or professional qualification
2. Extensive local authority experience and/or experience in a related field
3. A record of high personal achievement
4. Senior managerial experience and thorough understanding of modern managerial techniques
5. An appreciation of the problems facing local authorities in the 80's

This is a unique opportunity to contribute to a dynamic and progressive district authority second to none in Scotland, committed to providing services designed to meet the needs of the community in the 80's. Many innovations have been introduced, substantial progress has been made which the successful candidate will wish to follow through

In return, we can offer a salary commensurate with the duties and responsibilities (c £23 000) generous assistance with re-location and temporary accommodation

If you consider that you have the desired qualities, then contact Cliff Baldry, Personnel Officer, The Steeple, 55 King Street, Stirling Tel. 0786 79000 for our extensive package.

Application forms should be returned no later than 12 April 1985

The Council is an Equal Opportunities Employer and applications are welcome from people regardless of marital status, sex, race or disability

STIRLING DISTRICT COUNCIL

ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS' COUNCIL (ECC)

POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICER

£12,356-£15,439 including London Weighting

The ECC is a statutory body representing, at a national level, the interests of all electricity users in England and Wales.

We seek to appoint someone with a good, relevant degree and about five years' work experience. Direct experience or a working knowledge of the electricity supply industry would be an advantage.

As a member of a small team of policy staff, the successful applicant will contribute to the work of the Council on a broad range of issues, but particularly in relation to the forward planning of the ESI and matters relating to technology and generation. He/she will have a major role in managing all aspects of the external research and consultancy inputs to the Council. A high level of skill in spoken and written presentation is essential.

For further particulars, write or telephone to The Electricity Consumers' Council, Brook House, 2-16 Torrington Place, London WC1E 7LL, Tel 01-636 5703. Closing date for receipt of applications is Tuesday, 2nd April, 1985.

Leicestershire

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

(POLICY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

Salary range £18,135 — £20,078 p.a.

Following the promotion of the present post-holder, a replacement is sought to occupy this third tier post and be responsible for the Policy and Economic Development Branch. This Branch deals with the formulation and review of strategic plans and policies, research and information, local plans and their implementation, industrial promotion and economic development.

Candidates must be corporate Members of the R.T.P.I., have considerable experience of development plan work and economic issues and be able to demonstrate initiative, drive and commitment.

Relocation expenses up to £2,611 payable in appropriate circumstances. Temporary housing may be available.

Application forms and further details are obtainable by telephoning Leicester (0533) 871313, extension 7386, or by writing to the Director of Planning and Transportation, County Hall, Glenfield, Leicester LE3 8RJ.

Closing date: 11th April 1985.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES POLICY
Applications are welcome from suitably qualified and/or experienced people regardless of race, ethnic origin, religion, sex, marital status or disability

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(UN(E) ASSISTANT(E)

POUR LE PROGRAMME DE LANGUE FRANCAISE

L'assistant(e) sera charge(e) d'assurer
— La redaction de lettres aux traducteurs exterieurs, aux imprimeurs et aux sections francophones d'Amnesty;
— La recherche de references pour les textes a traduire (citations de documents anterieurs);
— La relecture de documents traduits en francais;
— La dactylographie du bulletin international et des autres documents traduits en francais.

Il(elle) doit etre la langue maternelle francaise et connaitre parfaitement l'anglais, savoir organiser son travail et sa documentation et faire preuve de grande rigueur

Bonne dactylographie exigee.

Traitement annuel (indexe, echelons annuels): £8,830.

Pour recevoir la description detaillee du poste et une formule de candidature, priere d'ecrire ou de telephoner au Service de Personnel, Amnesty International, 1 Easton Street, Londres WC1X 8DJ, Grande-Bretagne. Tel: 837 3805 (repondeur automatique 24H/24H). Telex: 28502.

DATE LIMITE POUR LA RECEPTION DES CANDIDATURES: 15 avril, 1985.

WORKING FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

The Council for Environmental Conservation is an independent charity with a membership of national organisations concerned with the environment.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

required to administer a small professional office, to co-ordinate policies and services to members. A key task will be to build up representation in Europe on behalf of members. Salary not less than £13,000 pa.

Please write in confidence to the Chairman, CoEnCo, Zoological Gardens, Regent's Park, London NW1 4RY, marking envelope 'Executive Secretary'.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE
AND DIRECTORATE OF ADMINISTRATION

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

CENTRAL PLANNING AND REVIEW TEAM

£7,212 - £7,986

The Central Planning and Review Team is involved in the preparation of plans for all aspects of the Council's work, including specific annual targets.

The job offers extensive opportunity to use and develop personal computing skills using micro computers and the Council's mainframe, training will be given where appropriate.

You will know how to obtain information from a number of sources. You will also enjoy working with a variety of statistical and financial information, interpreting figures and presenting results to others. In addition you must be able to take responsibility for the clerical and administrative aspects of the Team's work. Experience of local government is not essential.

Application forms and further details from Management Secretary, Room 320, Civic Offices, Broadway, Bexleyheath, Kent DA6 7LB. Tel.: 01-303 7777, ext. 2011. Closing date: 15th April, 1985.

Bexley London Borough

HATFIELD COMMUNITY PROJECT SOCIAL WORKER

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The National Children's Home are taking over the management of the Bridges/Hyce Accommodation and Day Care Project in Hatfield, Hertfordshire, on the 1st April 1985.

To build on the good work being carried out we are seeking to recruit an experienced Social Worker who is able to be imaginative and flexible. Applicants will need a wide experience of helping vulnerable people and have the capacity to take over the day to day running in the absence of the co-ordinator. Salary from £6,555-£10,107 + £192 FLW dependent on qualification and experience.

This is an unusual community facility that will appeal to those who are looking for something different. We would therefore welcome informal inquiries and visits. To arrange this please contact Gilly Johnson on Hatfield 66834.

Application forms are available from the National Children's Home, Dept. GN25, London & Northern Home Counties Regional Office, Highfield, Ambrose Lane, Harpenden, Herts AL5 4BX.

Closing date 3rd April.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME

Promoting, Organising, Developing Health Education

That is the brief for the District Health Education Officer we are seeking at Richmond, Twickenham and Roehampton Health Authority. It is a brief that gives you the opportunity, with your colleagues, to plan the course of Health Education throughout the District.

It will involve taking a lead in projects, research and education programmes for both the public and medical staff. It will also mean being the District's voice on all matters involving Health Education. Above all, it means using the budgetary, human, and audio visual resources of the Unit effectively to achieve your aims.

Salary will be in the range £11,945 to £14,267 including London Weighting. You will also find the area attractive, as it encompasses a number of Royal Parks and borders the River Thames

For an informal discussion, contact Dr. R. Graham, Specialist in Community Medicine (Child Health) 01-789 7971, ext 66. Or for a job description and application form contact District Personnel Department, District Offices, Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, London SW15. Telephone 01-789 7971 ext 31/30.

RTR

Richmond Twickenham & Roehampton health authority

Re-advertisement

ST. GEORGE'S COMMUNITY TRUST

This hostel, catering for 90 men, needs a

PROJECT WORKER

to join a team of seven who provide supervision, care and support.

There is an active policy to assist residents to move on to ordinary housing.

Salary: £7,455–£8,196. Pay award pending.

Job description and application form from The Administrator, St. George's Centre, P.O. Box 246, 47 Millmans Street, London SW10. Telephone 01-352 2242.

Closing date for applications Tuesday, 9th April, 1985.

Previous applicants need not re-apply.

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SEFTON

DEPUTY CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

This is a second tier post in the Finance Department of the Council. The vacancy arises due to the retirement of the present postholder in July, 1985, and the council are seeking as successor a qualified accountant, preferably I.P.F.A., of exceptional managerial ability with successful, broadly-based experience at a senior level.

In addition to undertaking control of particular aspects of departmental management policy as directed by the Chief Finance Officer, in making a creative and positive contribution to the objectives of the council.

The borough comprises of the most attractive areas of the north west coast: assistance with relocation is available in appropriate cases and an essential user car allowance is payable.

Application forms and further details, returnable by 19th April are available from:

Personnel and Management Services Officer
Sefton M.B.C., Town Hall, Southport
Lord Street, Merseyside PR8 1DA
Telephone: Southport 33133, Ext. 145

Canvassing will disqualify

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

RESEARCH AND INFORMATION UNIT

RESEARCH OFFICER

£5,922-£9,114

We require a numerate graduate to join our multi-disciplinary unit involved in a wide range of planning, financial and statistical work. Responsibilities include strategic population projection, analysis of small area population estimates and projections, and the development and maintenance of computer databases.

For further details and an application form please phone Alison Kemp on (0223) 317283 or write to: Director of Finance and Administration, Shire Hall, Castle Hill, Cambridge CB3 0AP.

Closing date for applications: Monday, 1st April, 1985.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS IN FURTHER AND HIGHER EDUCATION

requires as soon as possible an

EDUCATION SECRETARY

to work under the General Secretary and take charge of the Association's Educational Policy work.

Salary Grade VI Head of Department (Burnham FE) (at present £18,435 x 4 increments to £20,208 pa gross).

Please write for further details to **Room 316, NATFHE, Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, London WC1H 9BH.**

Applications should be returned no later than April 10, 1985.

NATFHE is an equal opportunity employer

ADMINISTRATOR

Oxford-based charity for the homeless requires an experienced Administrator. Salary Scale SO1 — points 30-33. £8,712-£9,660 (Pay Award Pending).

For information, apply: **The Director, Oxford Cyrenians, Simon House, P.O. Box 36, Paradise Street, Oxford.** Closing date April 5.

Patch Team Leader

Southern District Office, SE6

£12,213-£13,197 inc **Ref SS99**

Following the promotion of the present post holder, the Downham North Team are seeking a Team Leader. The team serves part of a large inter-war estate which is almost totally residential.

About half of the team's referrals concern the elderly, but recently greater numbers of young families have moved onto the estate. The team, which has worked on patch basis since 1981, are looking for an imaginative and enthusiastic person, interested in developing new ways of working. The Patch Team Leader will need to be able to give guidance on the legislation and social policy relevant to the team's needs, and should have experience of patch-based work. Experience and an interest in group work, training, and developing both formal and informal links with community groups, would also be necessary. Experience of establishing priorities and work load management within a busy generic team would be very valuable.

Lewisham is a multi-racial borough and committed to meeting the needs of all members of society.

This post is open to job sharers. A leaflet explaining job sharing will be sent with application form.

For further information please contact John Beer, Area Team Co-ordinator, or Hazel Taylor, District Officer, on 01-698 9112.

Qualified Social Worker

for Downham South Team
Southern District Office, SE6

£8,958-£11,670 inc. **Ref. SS 149 (i)**

Owing to internal promotion we are seeking a CQSW holder to complete a busy patch team comprising of Team Leader, Senior Social Worker, five social workers, two social welfare officers and a team clerk. The patch with a variety of private and council housing, has a high proportion of elderly residents and an increasing number of young families.

The needs of our community are largely met by a casework response, and we are actively exploring joint work and groupwork. You will carry a varied and balanced caseload and participate in the patch duty rota. The team has a strong commitment to regular supervision and professional develoment.

We are a multi-racial Borough and the Council are committed to meeting the needs of all members of the community.

Applications from job sharers are welcome. A leaflet explaining job sharing will be sent with application form.

For further information contact Jean Monk, Team Leader, or John Beer, Area Team Co-ordinator, on 01-698 9112, at Ballantyne, Southern District Office, Lushington Road, London SE6.

Application form, returnable by April 5, 1985 and detailed job description from Chief Personnel Officer, Riverdale Offices, 68 Molesworth Street, London SE13 7EU, or telephone 01-318 9297 (24 hour ansafone service), quoting appropriate reference and the job title.

Our jobs are open equally to all races and both sexes

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

Our jobs are open equally to all races and both sexes.

LEWISHAM'S SERVICES *Let's keep them!*

GLASGOW DISTRICT COUNCIL

An Equal Opportunity Employer

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

TRAINING CO-ORDINATOR (Equal Opportunities)

£10,107 - £12,660

The Council wishes to take appropriate action to achieve the successful implementation of its equal opportunities policies.

This new post will enable the Council to accelerate initiatives to ensure equal opportunities in all its personnel functions.

We are looking for someone to help develop, promote and implement recruitment, training and employment practices which will meet the particular needs of disadvantaged groups such as women, ethnic minorities and disabled persons.

As part of the Central Training Unit, the person appointed will be involved in identifying equal opportunities training needs and developing and implementing a training programme to meet these needs. There will also be an involvement in monitoring personnel practice throughout the Council.

Applicants should be enthusiastic about equal opportunities, have proven relevant experience, and be capable of training staff at all levels in good equal opportunity practices.

All vacancies are open to suitably qualified disabled persons.

Superannuation, sick pay and free life assurance schemes in operation, along with a 35-hour week and flexible working hours. Generous relocation expenses payable in appropriate cases.

Application forms, together with job description, available from the Director of Personnel, 48 Albion Street, Glasgow G1 1LH, telephone: 041-227 5126, to be completed and returned by Friday, 12th April, 1985.

PLEASE QUOTE REF.: GUA/12/85

GLASGOW'S MILES BETTER

Leicester Consumer Advice Centre

Consumer Adviser

The Leicester Consumer Advice Centre is managed by Consumers' Association (publishers of Which? magazine) on behalf of Leicester City Council. This very busy centre has a vacancy for a Consumer Adviser. One of a team of four, the Adviser has a key role to play in providing the centre's services to the public which include the provision of consumer information, pre-shopping advice, and positive help with consumer complaints.

The work is demanding and applicants, who should be over 21, must be able to work effectively under pressure and have patience and tact to deal with people and their problems.

Experience in the advice or retail field would be useful. A knowledge of consumer affairs would be helpful though not vital, as full training will be provided.

A good general education is essential.

The working week is five days from Tuesday to Saturday inclusive, with 28 days annual holiday. Luncheon Vouchers are provided and there is a life assurance and contributory pension scheme.

Salary not less than £6816.

Please apply to The Manager, Consumer Advice Centre, 90 Granby Street, Leicester.

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

ADOPTION AND FOSTERING OFFICER

Re-advertisement

Salary Scale P.O 1-4—£10,716–£11,562

This is a new post created to meet the needs of new legislation and to ensure that our commitment to substitute family care for children who cannot live with their own families is increasingly converted into practice. The Adoptions and Fostering Officer will play a key role in the further development of family based child care services in the County.

The main responsibilities of the post are to facilitate the work of the Adoptions Panel, to advise the Panel and staff of the Authority on the legal and professional aspects of fostering and adoption, and to play a lead role in the work of the Guardians-ad Litem and Reporting Officers.

Car user allowance and assistance with relocation expenses will be available in appropriate cases.

For informal discussion, please contact Gordon Palmer, Northallerton 3123, Extension 473, or David Marton, Extension 472. Full details and application forms are obtainable from the Personnel Section, Social Services Department, Racecourse Lane, Northallerton, North Yorkshire DL7 8DD to whom they should be returned by 3rd April, 1985. A stamped addressed envelope would be appreciated.

No sooner has an RAF aircraft returned to base, having completed its mission, than the Engineer Officer is called upon to take control.

What he has to do is simple. Make sure this ultra-sophisticated piece of flying technology is primed and ready to get back into the air, as a vital part of Britain's defence forces, as soon as possible. How he does it, though, is not so simple.

That takes skill. Imagination. Powers of organisation and leadership. Plus the ability to instigate a process of refinement and improvement whenever the situation demands.

Communications-Electronics Engineers, on the other hand, deal with fixed and tactical communication systems, as well as the ground-based technology of the UK Air Defence System, involving telecommunications, radar and surface-to-air missiles, plus associated computer systems.

What's more, as the technology becomes increasingly refined and sophisticated, so the more the Engineer Officer's in-depth knowledge and specialist skills will be required to keep the RAF one step ahead.

The new Tornado, for example. A variable geometry jet that can fly blind, hugging the ground at speeds in excess of 700 mph, using radar and laser systems to pierce low visibilities to attack targets with devastating accuracy.

Impressive, yes. But only as long as the Engineer Officer and his team can keep it flying.

What now?

Ideally, you should have a degree in an engineering discipline, or be academically qualified for corporate membership of an appropriate engineering institution. Intermediate engineering qualifications may also be acceptable.

What comes down must go up.

And when those refinements and improvements are to be made on the very highest technological equipment – fast jets worth anything up to £14,000,000 for instance – you can see why it takes a very special talent.

The kind of talent which, outside the RAF, you could wait years to utilise. As a Royal Air Force Engineer Officer, however, you'll find you won't have to wait long for the opportunity to prove yourself. After RAF training, you would become a vital part of an engineering unit, operating in the forefront of modern technology, and leading a team of skilled men.

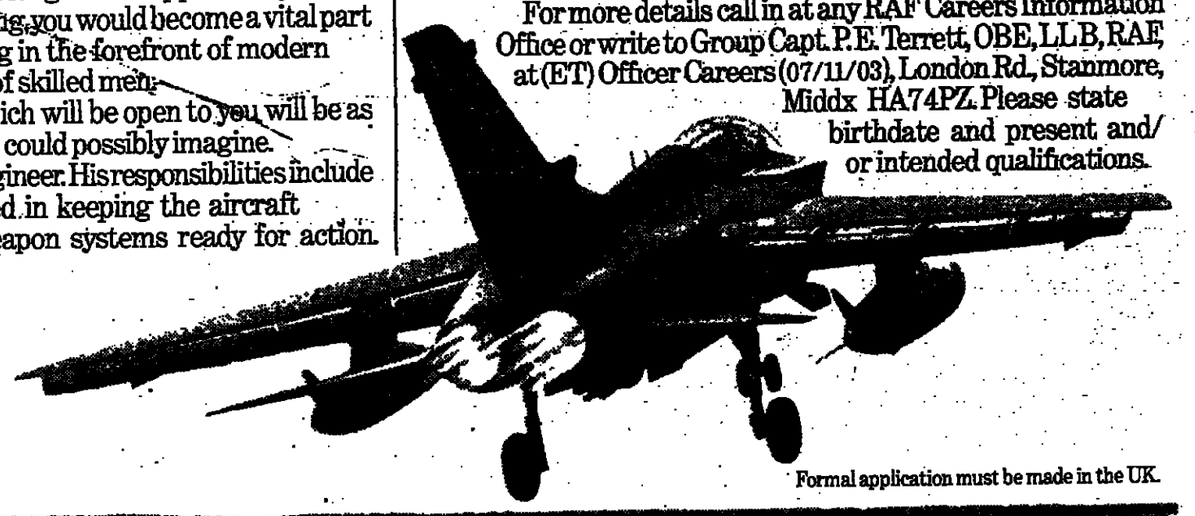
And the opportunities which will be open to you will be as far-ranging and as varied as you could possibly imagine.

Take the Aerosystems Engineer. His responsibilities include all engineering aspects involved in keeping the aircraft flying and the air-launched weapon systems ready for action.

You can apply for a three-to-six-year gratuity-earning Short Service Commission or indeed, a commission for a longer period. Age on entry, up to thirty-nine.

If you're at, or planning to go to, university or polytechnic, consider our University or Bursary Sponsorship schemes, which now include Engineering Cadetships at the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham.

For more details call in at any RAF Careers Information Office or write to Group Capt. P.E. Terrett, OBE, LL.B, RAF, at (ET) Officer Careers (07/11/03), London Rd., Stanmore, Middx HA7 4PZ. Please state birthdate and present and/or intended qualifications.



Engineer

RAF Officer

Formal application must be made in the UK.

Could you manage a competitive and yet caring service ?

Assistant Director of Works (Finance and Administration)

£17,340 to £18,738 p.a. inc.

We need someone who has wide, practical, financial and managerial experience at a high level to join the top management team in a multi-disciplinary DLO Department of 1,300 staff.

You will give financial advice and help in ensuring the effectiveness and competitiveness of DLO services (especially those under the provisions of the Planning and Land Act 1980).

You will lead a division of 72 staff responsible for estimates, budgetary control, payment of wages and accounts, stores and purchasing, personnel, central administrative functions, and computer development.

You must have a financial background — holding a CIPFA or equivalent qualification, and must demonstrate an ability for leadership, communication (both written and oral) and innovation.

Informal enquiries to Geoff Mitchell, Senior Personnel Officer, on 01-435 7171, extension 306.

Application form (and further details) from and to be returned to: Controller of Personnel Services, Town Hall, Euston Road, London NW1 2RU. Tel. 01-278 4444, ext. 2757, quoting reference no. 4/261/G. Closing date April 8, 1985.

Camden Services — Too good to lose!

equal opportunity employer

Applicants are considered on the basis of their suitability for the post, with equal opportunities for women, black/ethnic minorities, lesbians and gay men and people with disabilities, and regardless of marital status, age, creed/religion and unrelated criminal conviction. All posts are open for job-sharing.

WELLS PARK HEALTH PROJECT

A community health project in Lewisham. Promotes health action and awareness and works alongside a progressive general practice. The project is G.L.C. funded and is managed by an independent management committee. We need a

PART TIME COMMUNITY WORKER

Experienced, preferably trained in community work to replace a third worker. Interest in health is essential although a health background is not expected. 24 hours per week. AP5 pro-rata plus London weighting.

Funding at present until April 1986. **For details please ring 01-291 3332 (not Mondays).** Closing date for applications: 3rd April, 1985.

We are an equal opportunities employer

Barnet Health Authority

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT

Salary Scale 18: £11,509 — £13,731 inc.

An ambitious qualified / part qualified accountant is required to fill this key post. The successful candidate would be required to lead one of two teams of accountants, providing a management accounting service to managers and would therefore need to exercise considerable initiative in developing systems, and be capable of relating to a wide range of health service professions.

The post offers an excellent opportunity for career development within a challenging environment.

Informal enquiries may be made by telephoning: Arthur Robinson, Deputy District Treasurer on 01-952 2381, ext. 519.

Application form and job description available from: District Personnel Office, District Offices, Colindale Hospital, Colindale Avenue, London NW9 5HG. Tel.: 01-200 1555, ext. 238. Closing date: March 29 1985.

RESIDENTIAL SOCIAL WORKER

Bridgeways is a therapeutic community who base their work on the works of Winnicott and the principle of shared responsibility. We work with disturbed teenage boys and girls. We need a person to join us in this task, who has had at least two years experience in Residential Social Work.

Salary £7,350 per annum.

Some temporary accommodation could be made available.

Contact Wendy Jagger on 045 382 3298 or write to Bridgeways, Oldbury House, Eastington, Stonehouse, Glos

Previous applicants need not apply.

SCOTTISH EDUCATION & ACTION FOR DEVELOPMENT (S.E.A.D)

Scotland's leading Third World development education and campaign group requires a

CO-ORDINATOR

to join a team of seven people. S/he will have responsibility for the general co-ordination of staff activities, for overall financial management, and will also take on responsibility for specific campaign and education activities.

The successful candidate will have a strong commitment to world development, and justice for the Third World.

Salary will be on the scale £7,746-£9,795. A well-qualified candidate may be placed above the starting point of the scale.

For further details and an application form, write (enclosing s.a.e.) to: S.E.A.D. (Co-ordinator), 29 Nicolson Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9BX.

Closing date for applications: April 15th, 1985.

Northern Ireland Civil Service

An Equal Opportunity Employer

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND and THE QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY OF BELFAST

CHAIR OF AGRICULTURAL BOTANY

Applications are invited for the combined post which is now vacant of Head of the Agricultural Botany Research Division of the Department of Agriculture and Professor of Agricultural Botany in the Faculty of Agriculture and Food Science, The Queen's University of Belfast.

Candidates should be well qualified in Agricultural Botany, Agricultural Genetics or a relevant discipline, have extensive experience in teaching or research and have a sound knowledge of the agricultural industry.

The appointment will be made within the scale for Deputy Chief Scientific Officer in the Department which is £20,013-£24,317. The starting point will be related to qualifications and experience. There is a pension scheme which is non-contributory apart from 1½% deduction from salary to cover widow's and dependents' benefits.

An application form and further details of the post can be obtained from the Secretary, Civil Service Commission, Rosepark House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast BT4 3NR (Telephone Dundonald (02318) 4567, Extension 583). Please quote reference SB 37/85. The closing date for receipt of completed application forms is 3 May 1985.

The Northern Ireland Civil Service Commissioners may decide to interview only those applicants who appear from the information available to be best qualified.

LORD MAYOR TRELOAR COLLEGE

HEAD OF SKILLS COURSE FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

(£10,000 — £14,000)

A new post as soon as possible to develop the course for age 16+ students in occupational skills, general, social and independent training. This is a non-maintained special boarding school for 270 physically handicapped boys and girls of a normal range of intelligence, aged 9-19+.

This is a challenging and exciting job requiring vision, managerial ability and enthusiasm. Applicants with industrial experience and a practical background will be welcome. School holidays. Accommodation may be available.

For further details and application form send s.a.e. to **The Headmaster, Lord Mayor Treloar College, Upper School, Holybourne, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 4EN. (0420) 83508.**

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GLC
Working for London

Industry & Employment Branch leads the Council's initiatives aimed at regenerating the London economy and saving and creating jobs. These opportunities are within its specialist units responsible for day to day operations and for work in key programme areas.

Deputy Head of Central Administrative Unit

Administration functions within the Branch, from staffing and accommodation to new technology requirements, are co-ordinated by its Central Administrative Unit. As well as assisting in these areas, the deputy head carries special responsibility for budget preparation and co-ordination, performance review and the monitoring of capital projects.

This demands a working knowledge of the management systems and procedures operating within a large organisation, an understanding of programming techniques and the development of capital programmes, proven management skills and a flexible approach.

Salary: £14,781–£16,545 inclusive. Ref: 5550.

Areas Research Specialists

The Areas Unit contributes to the analysis of the London economy and guiding investment and R & D in relation to areas, land and property considerations.

We are looking for people with proven research skills and a knowledge of industrial and manufacturing trends and developments affecting areas of particular concern such as West London and/or areas under property development pressures, to assist in this work. As well as carrying out research, this involves reporting on findings, arranging conferences and contributing to industrial strategy policy and research development.

Salaries: £13,065–£14,781 inclusive. Ref: 5553.

Researchers/Policy Assistants

The infrastructure Unit produces strategic analyses of the London economy as a basis for Council policy and provides support to trade unions, local firms and community groups. The Unit is now seeking people with the proven experience and ability to develop research on issues such as employment related aspects of transport policy, strategy for infrastructure investments, land-use, property and energy policies in relation to employment.

The work broadly entails undertaking research, preparing and presenting reports to committees, translating policies into practice and liaising with the Council and with outside organisations.

A sound understanding of the Council's industry and employment policies is needed, coupled with good organising and drafting skills. Applicants should have a background in working with trade union and community groups and be capable of taking an imaginative approach to problems and initiatives.

Salary: £13,065–£16,545 inclusive. Ref: 5662

Company Research Officer

The Contracts Compliance Equal Opportunities Unit reviews and monitors the employment practices of all the Council's suppliers and contractors to ensure equality of opportunity for disadvantaged groups.

This post calls for a skilled researcher, interpreter and presenter of information with experience of computerised systems and a knowledge of the sources of company information. Its main responsibilities being the development and monitoring of a computerised database of contractors/tenders, researching company details and developing contacts with trade unions.

Salary: £13,065–£14,781 inclusive. Ref: 5551.

Administrative Assistants

To join a team as support-worker to advisers within the Contracts Compliance Equal Opportunities Unit — researching information, progressing the assessment of questionnaires and dealing with enquiries and correspondence. Good organisational skills and experience is a must.

Salary: £6,927–£9,255 inclusive. Ref: 5552.

Project Team Assistants

Working in support of project teams within the Industry Unit, these posts involve arranging and minuting meetings, progress chasing and assisting with research and development on topics related to the Council's strategies for regenerating the worst hit sectors of London's industries. Flexibility and initiative are key requirements.

Salaries: £6,927–£9,255 inclusive. Ref: 5554.

Research & Policy Assistant

The prime function of this post is to service the Research & Policy Sub Committee — preparing agendas, minuting meetings and progress chasing. There is also some involvement with providing administrative support on major research and policy projects. All round administrative and organisational skills are needed and you should be capable of operating or learning to operate a word processor.

Salary: £6,927–£9,255 inclusive. Ref: 5555.

LONDON AGAINST RACISM

The GLC is an equal opportunities employer. We invite applications from women and men from all sections of the community, irrespective of their ethnic origin, colour, sexual orientation or disability, who have the necessary attributes to do the job.

For an application form, to be returned by 4th April 1985, write to: GLC Director-General's Department, Room 203, The County Hall, SE1 7PB or telephone 01-633 1527/2390. Please quote appropriate reference.

This post is suitable for job sharing

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

Professional Support Manager PO1A

Salary £10,716 — £11,562 p.a.

plus £1,017 L.W. and supplements

Due to promotion within the Department we are looking for someone to lead a small team to provide programming and administrative support to our architects engaged in the Capital Work Programmes of Education, Leisure Services, Social Services and Public Works Committees, together with the Authority's Urban Programme projects.

You will be responsible to the Architects Manager for the overall planning of capital programmes and will work closely with the Architects on analysis of expenditure budgets and trends, advising on work planning and programming and identifying resource availability.

This is a key role in the Department and you should have some experience of computer systems and business techniques. You must have the ability to innovate within a rapidly changing Department committed to developing its staff and improving its services.

For further information please telephone Olive Colbrook, 01-903 1400 Ext. 433.

Application forms and job descriptions from the Personnel Division, Room 1, Brent Town Hall Annexe, Kings Drive, Wembley, Middlesex HA9 9BR returnable 15th April 1985 telephone 01-903 0371 (24 hour Ansafone service). Reference number D/419 must be quoted.

London Borough of BRENT — Brent is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Job sharers welcome

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CAMBRIDGE HOUSE PROJECT FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

Cambridge House is a long established multi-purpose voluntary organisation in Camberwell. One of our major projects provides activities for the mentally handicapped in Southwark, and opportunities for their families to come together to pursue common interests.

We are looking for a suitably experienced

YOUTH WORKER
(Salary scale L3)

who will be responsible to a management committee for the development of a range of youth work services and informal education opportunities for mentally handicapped children and young people in Southwark. He/she will be expected to work in close partnership with the community worker already employed by the project.

Job descriptions and application forms are available from: The Administrator, Mental Handicap Project, Cambridge House, 131 Camberwell Road, London SE5 0HF.

Closing date for returned applications is Friday, 12th April, 1985.

Deputy Officer in Charge

£7524 to £8262 (£8620 if qualified)

ELDERLY PERSONS HOME

A unique opportunity to gain experience at a middle management level in preparation for more senior posts has arisen at Warren House, St Peter's Avenue, Caversham. As a member of the home management team you will be required to play a major part in ensuring that the department's objectives for the care of elderly people are met. Staff supervision, training and support are also an essential part of the job. The department has a good staff training record and a high standard of personal supervision will be available. A qualification is preferred but experience in residential care management or in managing services for elderly people is essential.

For informal discussion contact Mrs D Silvester, Officer in Charge, on Reading 473092.

Social Worker

£7085 with possible progression to £10107

In Reading the Social Services Department is committed to building up appropriate Social Services for Asian and Afro-Caribbean communities. There are a number of posts established under Section 11 of the Local Government Act 1966, which have specific and operational responsibilities, along with other specialist posts in the Division, to influence and advise on departmental policy and practices in relation to ethnic groups. We now require a qualified Social Worker, for the Children and Families Group, whose major duties will be devoted to Section 11 work although some other tasks will be undertaken. The person appointed will carry a case load with good supervision and support and assist in the development of appropriate social work services. The post offers an exciting opportunity for applicants of Asian or Afro-Caribbean background. Informal enquiries to *Mr L Klein. Tel: Reading 586111.*

Application forms from Personnel Section, Social Services Department, Abbey Mill House, Abbey Square, Reading. *Tel: Reading 586111 Ext 500.*

Social Worker

£7257-£9102 with possible progression to £10,299

Children and Families

We are looking for an enthusiastic person to join our social work team which provides a fieldwork service for children and families.

Newly qualified workers will be given the opportunity to carry a generic caseload with a strong emphasis on children and families, while more experienced social workers will be able to specialise in children and families work. There will also be opportunities to develop a special interest and to supervise students. We offer a high level of supervision, measured induction and good facilities for post qualification training. Applicants must be qualified (CQSW) and hold a current driving licence. Housing accommodation may be available in appropriate cases.

For an informal discussion please contact Margaret Bassett or Diane Sheldon. Application form and job description from Personnel Section, Fitzwilliam House, Skimped Hill Lane, Bracknell. Tel: Bracknell 426011.

Closing date 9th April for all posts.

An Equal Opportunity Employer

Royal County of Berkshire

Personal Assistant to Chairs

Policy Analysis and Research

£11,355–£11,964 p.a. inc.

Full-time. Ref DJ268/G. Job share (17½ hours) Ref DJ269/G

Hackney is a leading Labour controlled authority serving a community suffering disproportionately from the national recession and decline in public expenditure. Assistants, probably working to two Committee Chairs, are sought who have some knowledge of Inner City problems and a commitment to the council's policies of increased local democratic accountability and control of services. You will be a member of the Political Research Unit and will maintain the 'Chairs' awareness of changing needs and the problems of service delivery as they are experienced by the community. The work will involve meetings with outside agencies, local groups and councillors. You will advise Chairs on the content and validity of reports and will research issues of specific interest in their area of concern. You will also work on broad policy areas as a member of the Political Research Unit.

You will probably have some relevant experience in policy analysis and the presentation of research. An ability to work under pressure is essential.

Job share applications will be welcomed with or without a partner. Application forms are available from John Penney, Head of Personnel Services, Town Hall, Mare Street, E8 1EA or telephone 01-986 5331 (24-hour answering service) quoting reference.

Closing date 5th April, 1985.

The council intends to decentralise its services, therefore the duties, hours of work or location of this post may be subject to change.

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY — HACKNEY COUNCIL Working for local people

We positively welcome applications from black people, disabled people and women where they are under-represented in particular jobs.

KING EDWARD'S HOSPITAL FUND FOR LONDON

PROJECT OFFICER

INNER CITY HEALTH CARE

Salary £10,186-£11,781 (includes LW of £1,042)

To work with the Fund's London Programme team and on a new initiative on community health services in London. The job will entail gathering information on good practices in primary health care; supporting the efforts of community unit managers attempting to introduce new ideas; and assisting with the Fund's work on health services in London. This is a two-year appointment in the first instance.

The successful applicant will have worked in the NHS or related field; have understanding of NHS community health services, ability to think and write clearly; some experience of committee work, and will probably be a graduate.

Further information from **Jane Hughes or Pat Gordon, King's Fund Centre, 126 Albert Street, London NW1 7NF. Tel: 01-267 6111.** Closing date for applications: 5th April, 1985.

Applications are welcome from suitably qualified and experience people regardless of race, religion, sex or disability.

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Applications are invited for the following posts:

UNA-UK

FIELD OFFICER — *BOLIVIA*

FIELD OFFICER — *PARAGUAY*

To assess requests for project workers and to evaluate the work of existing projects.

To co-ordinate the UNAIS programme in country and provide appropriate support to project workers.

Candidates should have relevant experience; knowledge of the country and of Spanish essential.

Salary is in relation to local costs; various grants and insurance available.

Please send enquiries enclosing an A4 sae to: The Administrative Officer, UNAIS, 3 Whitehall Court, London SW1A 2EL. Tel 01-930 9679.

UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA
Norwich

TUTOR IN MENTAL HEALTH SOCIAL WORK

Applications are invited for this new post in the Social Work Development Unit. The successful applicant will work with Essex Social Services Department in:

1. Organising and tutoring the established training programme for approved social workers;
2. Devising courses for Departmental Managers to examine the implications of recent legislation for service delivery and workload management;
3. Developing post-ASW training for practitioners.

The work will be carried out by the Social Work Development Unit as part of a contract to provide Mental Health Training and Development to Essex County Council.

The post will be full-time for two years and will be located in Chelmsford where the successful applicant will liaise professionally with the Training Section of the Social Services Department.

Applicants should be professionally qualified with considerable experience of work with the mentally disordered, knowledge of Mental Health services and legislation, and preferably training experience.

Salary will be on the scale £7,520-£12,150 per annum and secondment would be considered.

Further particulars are available from The Director, Social Work Development Unit, University of East Anglia, Norwich NR4 7TJ (Tel 0603 56161 ext 2066).

Applications should be sent to The Director, Social Work Development Unit, at the above address, by 10th April, 1985. They should include a full curriculum vitae with exact date of birth and should indicate names and addresses of two persons to whom reference may be made.

QUAKER PEACE AND SERVICE
Darye Macaane Refugee Camp
NW Somalia

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATORS

required May/June, 1985

To continue and extend ways in which refugees and the local population can be taught and develop self-sufficiency skills.

Community development qualifications / experience in overseas countries is essential and some useful practical skills an advantage.

Married couples preferred. Minimum three-year contract. Modest maintenance allowances and fares paid plus other emoluments.

Further information from Alma Harding, Service Projects Secretary, Friends House, Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ, Tel 01-387 3601.

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
Re-advertisement

RESOURCE ALLOCATION OFFICER

Langgarth, Stirling

AP IV/V £8,820-£11,040

35 hours per week to be worked in accordance with the exigencies of the service.

Travelling allowance facilities available.

Applications are sought from qualified social workers with at least three years' post qualifying experience for this key post.

The person appointed will be responsible for ensuring that children are directed to the most appropriate community or residential resource to meet their needs.

Previous applicants need not re-apply as they will be considered.

Application forms available from the Director of Social Work, Langgarth, Stirling (Stirling 73111 Ext. 414) to be returned by 5th April, 1985.

Central Regional Council — An Equal Opportunities Employer

KINGS CORNER PROJECT

TRAINING ADVISER

Kings Corner Project, an innovative youth project, is a management agent for the MSC Youth Training Scheme. The project wishes to appoint a Training Adviser to assist in the development of this scheme which will ultimately provide 60 places. KCP is involved in a Mode A provision which offers a variety of training placements in local firms and organises the off-the-job training according to the individual young person's needs.

Closing date: 6th January, 1984.

For job description and application form please apply to KCP, 90 Central Street, London EC1.

Salary £8,300-£9,200.

NUFFIELD COLLEGE, OXFORD OX1 1NF

GWILYM GIBBON RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Applications are invited from men and women, preferably with experience of one of the public services, wishing to undertake a year's research in to or study of a problem in the field of government and administration. The fellowship carries free rooms, secretarial services, common table rights and reimbursement of necessary expenses, but normally no stipend. In exceptional cases a supplementary stipend is payable.

Further particulars from the Admission Secretary.

Closing date Monday, 22 April, 1985.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Required for Durham's Rural Community Council to undertake community development in the rural and coalfield areas of County Durham. Duties will include: fieldwork, advice and information, research and development in rural service provision.

Applicants should be graduates, preferably in planning or other appropriate discipline, and have an active interest in rural affairs and community work. Some experience preferred.

Further details from Dr. Brendan Quayle, Director, Community Service for Durham County, Haligarth House, Haligarth Street, Durham DH1 3AY. Tel.: (0385) 43511. Closing date for applications 10th April, 1985. Salary Scale: £5,555-£8,532.

WOLVERHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SOCIAL WORKER — CENTRAL AREA TEAM

If you are a Social Worker with some fresh ideas . . . We've got the pastures new.

Ever had that feeling it's time to move on?

If so, this is a clear invitation to spread your wings and move in a direction which will benefit your career.

We've recently restructured our Central Area Office which is responsible for the challenging inner zone of Wolverhampton. In broad terms this means that Social Work teams can now not only identify more closely with the geographical area but share both resources, skills and knowledge with each other to the benefit of the local community.

The Social Workers we are looking for must demonstrate their commitment to working with others in the planning and development of a team service delivery.

Salary Social Worker Level 3 £9,477–£10,716 per annum.

Why not give Trevor Morris, Area Officer or Carol Johnston a ring on (0902) 27811, ext 2873 or write to the Acting Director of Social Services, Civic Centre, St Peter's Square, Wolverhampton WV1 1RT, for an application form and job description.

Closing date 3rd April, 1985.

Wolverhampton Council welcomes applications from all sections of the community irrespective of an individuals sex, ethnic origin or colour and from people with disabilities who have the necessary attributes to do the job.

WOLVERHAMPTON *the pace setter*

Chief Executive — Southwark

up to £31,674*

Southwark is a caring London borough with acute problems. It features in tenth place on the Government's list of areas of Urban Deprivation and yet is one of the areas singled out by the Government for rate-capping. Nevertheless, the Council remains firmly committed to improving the living and working conditions of its community and is at present examining ways of defending vital services.

Against this background, it is obvious that the role of Chief Executive is one of the most demanding in local government and one which only the most capable of candidates would be able to fulfil.

We are looking for a woman or man who can advise senior politicians on how to achieve their objectives in the face of growing encroachment by central government on local democracy. You will need a thorough understanding of local government procedures, legislation and finance in the inner city context and you must be committed to making the delivery of services more responsive to the needs of, and more accountable to, the local community.

You will be expected to be sympathetic to the aims of the Administration and to assist Members in policy development, co-ordinating and undertaking original policy studies as required. You must therefore be capable of sensitive and innovative thought but it is also crucial that you provide the leadership, drive and motivation necessary to ensure that policies are implemented effectively and with a due sense of urgency.

**Salary £30144 to £31674 inclusive of £1191 London Weighting.*

Southwark is an equal opportunity employer. Applications are welcome from candidates regardless of sex or ethnic origin and from registered disabled persons.

Telephone 01-701 2870 (24-hour answering service) any time for an application form, or write, on a postcard, to: The Personnel Officer, London Borough of Southwark, 25 Commercial Way, London SE15 6DG.

Please quote reference G/1/5337 and job title. Last date for receipt of completed application forms: 10/4/85.

Southwark a London borough

HUMBERSIDE COUNTY COUNCIL
County Planning Department

Planning Assistant (Forestry)

(Post PL60)

Scale 4: £6555 to £7329

The overall purpose of the job is to assist with the preparation and implementation of County Council policies dealing with trees and their role in the environment.

Work will include carrying out surveys connected with County Council policies; assisting with processing applications for grants towards tree planting and improving woodlands, liaising with the Forestry Commission on statutory consultations and assisting with preparation of managment plans and agreements.

The small section is a progressive one and operates an agency from the Countryside Commission for Landscape Improvement Grant Schemes.

Applicants must have a forestry, arboricultural or related qualifications and relevant experience, though not essential, would be an advantage.

For an application form, write to the Director of Planning, Manor Road, Beverley HU17 7BX, or telephone (0482) 867131, extension 3392. Specific questions about the nature of the job can be answered by telephoning Dr. Jon Capel, the County's Forestry Officer, on extension 3293.

Closing date is Tuesday, 9th April, 1985. Please note that interviews will be held on Thursday, 25th April, 1985.

Assistance may be given towards removal and associated costs up to a maximum of £1190.

All applicants are considered on the basis of their suitability for the job irrespective of disablement, race, creed, sex or marital status. Disabled candidates whose applications have the written support of their D.R.O. will be guaranteed an interview.

Executive Officers

Sports Development Unit

Two vacancies have arisen for Executive Officers in the Sports Development Unit, based at the Sports Council Headquarters in Central London. Responsibilities for the two posts centre on the development of participation in sport and the provision and management of sports facilities. This will involve working with governing bodies of sport and other national bodies. The officers will also service Sports Council advisory groups. Some evening and weekend work involving travel is required.

The successful candidates will have previous relevant experience and professional qualifications relating to the development of sport such as recreation management, physical education or sports administration. One post requires knowledge of, and interest in, movement and dance, and the other requires knowledge of recreation management.

Salary is on a scale rising from £7,600-£10,184 per annum inclusive of London allowance and compensatory pension allowance.

Further information and application form (quoting Ref 10/85/SDU) available from Paul Burgin, Personnel Unit, The Sports Council, 16 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0QP. Closing date: 9th April, 1985.

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER

SPORTS COUNCIL

GREAT GRIMSBY BOROUGH COUNCIL

DIRECTOR OF WORKS

(£18,249 to £20,073)

The present Director of Works is leaving us to join Manchester City Council as City Engineer and Surveyor. He will leave behind a key post, as Head of a Department employing over 600 people and covering the widest possible range of responsibilities.

The major services for which the Director is responsible include Engineering Design, Highways and Building Maintenance, Cleansing, Street Lighting, Sewers, Leisure Services (including Parks and Open Spaces, Leisure Centre, Swimming Pool and a Museum / Concert Hall).

The Council is committed to making a success of the D.L.O., the continuity of employment and the development of services at local level. On-going reviews of sections of the Department are progressing to ensure that we remain competitive.

The Council has confirmed recently its intention to develop strongly the arts and cultural activities of the town by the appointment of an Arts Officer. It has a similar commitment to sports and leisure activities.

In addition to relevant qualifications and wide experience in a number of the above-mentioned areas, the successful applicant will need to have considerable energy, proven management experience and be well versed in industrial relations.

Assistance with removal expenses, legal fees, temporary housing accommodation, etc., will be available in appropriate cases. A casual car-user allowance is also attached to the post.

Great Grimsby, now connected to the national motorway network, enjoys low cost housing, first-class shopping facilities and combines all the advantages of an urban community with the attractions both of coast and countryside.

Application forms and further details are available from the Personnel Officer, Municipal Offices, Town Hall Square, Great Grimsby (Tel.: 0472 59161, ext. 335) to whom they should be returned by the 9th April, 1985.

Services worth defending

Personal Services Division

Basildon Council's Advisory Service has been providing comprehensive advice to local residents on welfare rights, legal and housing problems since 1975.

A new training centre will also open shortly to improve the 'self-help' skills of the local community.

A vacancy has arisen for an

Advisory Services Lawyer

Salary up to £11,217 p.a. inclusive, depending on qualifications and experience.

We are looking for a suitably qualified lawyer with some experience of Advice Centre work, to provide legal advice, largely on employment, welfare rights, housing, civil liberties and matrimonial matters; also to participate in some volunteer training and publicity campaigns via our mobile advice unit.

Applicants must be prepared to answer the challenge of a developing agency, responding to the changing needs of the local community.

Please quote Ref.: P172/G.

Closing date: 5th April, 1985.

Basildon Council's Welfare Rights is an established part of the Neighbourhood Support Services which is developing due to the high local unemployment.

Advisory Officer

(Welfare Rights)

Grade Sc6: £8,724 - £9,306 p.a. inclusive

The team requires an Advisory Officer to assist and advise the public in matters concerning Welfare Benefits, Supplementary and National Insurance Benefit Regulations, Local Services and Housing. Also, representation at appeal tribunals on behalf of clients will be required.

Applicants must have studied to degree level and have a minimum of six months' relevant experience.

Please quote Ref.: P92/G.

Closing date: 1st April, 1985.

Further details and application forms for above two posts are available from the Personnel Section (Recruitment), Basildon Council, Council Offices, Fodderwick, Basildon, Essex. Tel.: Basildon 294216 (answering phone service). For further information or enquiries during office hours only, telephone Basildon 294267/8.

The Council welcomes applications regardless of race, sex, marital status or disability.

This advertisement appears with the agreement of the New Towns' Staff Commission.

BASILDON

The Caring Council

LONDON BOROUGH OF REDBRIDGE
PERSONAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE—HOUSING SERVICE

SENIOR ESTATE OFFICER/ DISTRICT OFFICER

Salary subject to review of post and job evaluation (currently scale 6: £9,189-£9,771 per annum inclusive)

Redbridge, an outer London Borough, situated some 10 miles to the north east of the City, is committed to the provision of an effective and sensitive Housing Service.

Staff presently working in the four District Offices of the Estate Management Division are shortly to be re-organised to form three central teams.

The successful candidate will initially be appointed Senior Estate Officer but will be redesignated District Officer. The post is subject to review and will be job evaluated upon the imminent restructuring of the Division.

He/she will be responsible for controlling the work of an Estate Officer Team which undertakes property management and maintenance of up to 4,000 units. Officers are not primarly involved with rent arrears recovery. Duties also involve an input into the development of the Divisional policy and procedure.

We are seeking a career-orientated person with the necessary drive and enthusiasm to movitate staff through a period of significant change.

Preference will be shown to graduate applicants holding the Housing Professional Qualification.

Car allowance and purchase facilities available in appropriate cases.

For application form and further details, please contact the Borough Housing Manager, London Borough of Redbridge, Valentines Mansion, Emerson Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 4XD, or telephone 01-518 6999.

For an informal discussion contact Nigel Rudd on Ext. 5.

Closing date: 5th April 1985.

LONDON VOLUNTARY SERVICE COUNCIL

RESEARCH WORKER

needed for

The Migrant Services Unit, which works with migrant communities in London (Portuguese, Spanish, Latin American, Turkish, Filipino, Moroccan, Iranian, Thai, Somali), to undertake action-research into the situation of unauthorised migrant workers. We are looking for someone with knowledge of and work experience with migrant communities. Research knowledge and experience is also important. Knowledge of migrant languages desirable.

Salary: NJC Scale SO1 (£10,725 — £11,355 inc LW).

Closing date: 10 April 1985.

This post is a one year post funded by the GLC.

LVSC positively welcomes applications from people with disabilities and all sections of the community irrespective of an individual's sex, race, ethnic origin, or sexual orientation.

For further details and application form contact:

Sue Hutchinson, LVSC, 68 Chalton Street, London NW1 1JR.

Tel: 01-388 0241.

Social Worker

(Level 3)

Salary: £9,369 — £10,602/£10,899 pa incl.

An enthusiastic, committed Social Worker is required to work with a multi-disciplinary team, providing a comprehensive service for day patients and in-patients referred to the Regional Adolescent Unit at Long Grove Hospital. C.Q.S.W. is essential, as is a willingness to undertake Approved Social Work Training.

Informal enquiries to Eleanor McMahon, Principal Officer (SMHS), on 01-546 2121 Ext. 3475, or Angela Sheppard Fidler, Social Worker on 78 29136.

Application form and further details from **Staffing Officer (SS/HH), Guildhall, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey. Tel: 546 2121. Ext. 3499.**

Closing date: 3rd April, 1985.

ROYAL BOROUGH OF KINGSTON UPON THAMES

CAFOD

On the side of people in need

AFRICA SECTION: ASSISTANT

A third person to join the Africa Section is sought by the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development, on a temporary basis (initial contract six months)

He/she will share responsibility for administering CAFOD's relief and development programmes in Africa. Some working experience in Africa and a Catholic background would be useful

Basic administrative skills would be an advantage.

Salary £7 300-£8,300.

Please apply with full cv by 2nd April 1985, to:

Projects Department
CAFOD
2 Garden Close, Stockwell Road, London SW9 9TY

[illegible] services provided by the GLC are as varied and [illegible] London [illegible] community it serves.

To maintain and develop these services we need to attract [illegible] our Graduate Training Schemes. People who can bring [illegible] enthusiasm and commitment to the task of tackling London's social and economic problems and not only help deliver the services needed today but also plan for tomorrow.

In return, Graduate Trainees gain a broadly based training and wide practical experience in their chosen field laying the solid foundations needed for a professional career.

We are currently inviting applications from [illegible] wishing to train in:

Civil Engineering

[illegible] both offering a 3-year training programme aimed at Membership of the Institution of Civil Engineers:

Civil/Structural Engineering — [illegible] a year working on road construction sites and another year in a design office [illegible] a year either working on [illegible] projects with architects and planners or on traffic engineering and management.

Transportation/Traffic Engineering — providing training and experience on a wide variety of projects related to transport, freight, highways and traffic policy and environmental management. Typically this could include involvement in traffic control, parking, bus priority and road safety schemes, lorry control and accident analysis work.

Applicants should possess, or expect to gain this summer, a good honours degree in Civil Engineering and have some knowledge of the work undertaken by civil/traffic engineers.

Building Surveying for ILEA

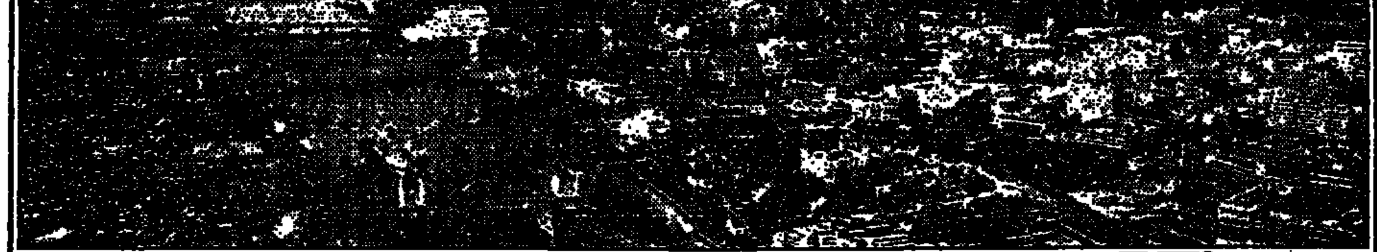
A comprehensive training programme aimed at Membership of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors [illegible] construction [illegible] by the ILEA. This can involve every stage from the preparation of drawings [illegible] and site levelling, right through to contract supervision. Applicants must possess a degree in Building Surveying which satisfies the criteria set by the RICS exempting their holders from the institute's qualifying [illegible]. This should be combined with an interest in maintenance and a practical knowledge of the latest materials and components.

Many GLC Graduate Training Schemes cover fields which have traditionally attracted applications almost exclusively from men. In line with our positive approach to equal opportunities we would particularly welcome applications from women as well as men for all of these schemes.

For further details and an application form write to: GLC Graduate Recruitment Officer, PE/SEL IB3S, The County Hall, London SE1 7PB or telephone 01-633 6551 (24 hour answering service) by 4th April 1985.

The GLC is an equal opportunities employer [illegible]

Graduate to the mainstream GLC



Landscape Planner

£11,373-£12,219

The personal qualities sought from the post-holder are ones of enthusing others in new initiatives the Department is undertaking. Appropriate professional skills are those of an imaginative and creative approach in co-ordinating a programme of action having a major environmental impact on areas of deprivation. This will involve developing close working relationships with other Council Departments and having an understanding of their objectives and resources. Other environmental improvement schemes will be initiated by amenity groups and local communities. Experience of working with such groups will be an advantage and some evidence of illustrative ability is essential. The post is located in the Department's Urban Design Section, and preparation of design guidelines is a further part of the work involved.

Applicants must have an appropriate qualification (in planning, architecture, urban design or landscaping) with up to three years' post-qualification experience.

Previous applicants will automatically be reconsidered.

Application form from the Borough Planning Officer, London Borough of Greenwich, John Humphries House, Stockwell Street, Greenwich, SE10 9JN. Tel: 01-853 0077 Ext. 278.

Closing date: 5th April, 1985.

THE COUNCIL POSITIVELY WELCOMES APPLICATIONS FROM WOMEN, ETHNIC MINORITIES AND DISABLED PEOPLE.

GREENWICH
People and Services First

Assistant Divisional Director

(Children and Families)

£12,435-£13,518

As a result of the retirement of the existing postholder. Bracknell Division require a qualified person (CQSW or CSS) to fill this key management post within a client-based department, which carries direct responsibility for the management and development of residential, day care, domiciliary and field social work services for children and families.

Applicants must have experience of working with children and families in one or more of these areas, including a management role.

The successful applicant will join the Division's Management Team comprising the Divisional Director and four Assistant Directors, one of whom will be designated Deputy Divisional Director attracting a salary of £13,518-£14,550.

Bracknell Division, centred on a new town, has a rapidly growing population in both urban and rural areas.

For an informal discussion please contact Jim Eaton, Divisional Director, on Bracknell 426011. A job description and further details can be obtained from the **Personnel Section, Bracknell Social Services, Fitzwilliam House, Skimped Hill Lane, Bracknell, Berks. Tel: Bracknell 426011. Closing date: 9th April, 1985.**

An Equal Opportunity Employer

Royal County of Berkshire

ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER £15,042-£16,065

This key post offers excellent scope for individual initiative as leader of a new Enterprise Development Unit reporting to the Chief Executive. Responsible for industrial and employment development, you will make a major contribution to combatting unemployment and regenerating the local economy. Allerdale has a development area, European status and an Enterprise Zone

Preferred qualities — business acumen, ability to handle the public and private sectors, knowledge of economic development, good management and communication skills.

An essential user car allowance and assistant with removal to this beautiful part of the Lake District are included.

Application forms from Chief Executive, Allerdale District Council, Holmewood, Cockermouth, Cumbria, CA13 0DW. Tel.: 0900 823741, Ext. 41. Informal discussion ring Paul Buttress, Ext. 44. Closing date 10th April, 1985.

ALLERDALE

The Methodist Church Division of Education and Youth

TRAINING OFFICER for MAYC

to work with the Youth and Community team and with other training personnel of the Division.

Write for details to:

Neville Braybrook, 2 Chester House, Pages Lane, Muswell Hill, London N10 1PR.

Final date for applications: 1st May, 1985.

Black Advice Worker

Salary £8,772 — £10,362

As a Relief Worker to help cover staff absences in any of the seven bureaux in the Boroughs of Wandsworth, Hammersmith and Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea.

Advice work experience an advantage but not essential as training provided

Closing date 4 April 1985.

For application form and further details, please write to West London Area Secretary, GLCABS, 31 Wellington Street, London WC2E 7QH.

This advertisement falls within Section 5(2)(d) of the Race Relations Act 1976.

Citizens Advice Bureau

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING

Divisional Head (Engineering)

£19,152-£20,880 inclusive

Newham, a busy urban community with a multi-racial population of over 213,000, was largely developed in the nineteenth century. However, recent years have seen a programme of investment and redevelopment, notably in the Docklands area, creating an important, varied and challenging workload for Newham's employees.

The Engineering Division, which comprises over 130 officer staff, is responsible for providing a range of Engineering design and maintenance functions including Civil Engineering, Structural Engineering, Highways and Traffic, Drainage, Major Site Works and Building Control. The Road Safety Section is also located within the Division.

The successful applicant, in addition to being a Chartered Engineer and having several years managerial experience in a large, multi-disciplined public organisation, should be able to:

- ★ *communicate effectively*
- ★ *motivate and manage staff*
- ★ *assimilate and respond to local issues and demands*
- ★ *develop initiatives*
- ★ *contribute in a positive manner to corporate policies and procedures.*

Benefits include a lump sum car allowance of £1,272 (included in the salary quoted above) and in appropriate cases, subsistence home travel allowance and a grant of up to £1,000 toward legal and related costs in connection with house purchase.

The Authority positively welcomes applications from women, ethnic minorities and disabled people.

For an application form and further particulars, please write to the Chief Executive's Department, Town Hall, East Ham, E6 2RP, or tel: 01-471 6619 (24 hour answering service). Please quote ref: ASC 384.

Closing date: 4th April 1985.

An Equal Opportunity Employer

LONDON BOROUGH OF NEWHAM

COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISER

£12,507-£13,491

A Community Relations Adviser is required to promote good community relations in the Royal Borough. There is a wide variety of different ethnic groups in the Kensington and Chelsea area and you will need to be able to maintain and further develop effective channels of communication between these groups and the Council.

Duties include advising the Borough Community Relations Committee, Council Members and Officers on race relations issues, helping to co-ordinate the provision of Council services for ethnic minorities and researching information on matters affecting the ethnic community. You will supervise the work of the Moroccan / Arabic interpreter and have administrative support.

You must have substantial experience in the race relations field, strong interpersonal skills and a thorough understanding of the problems faced by ethnic minority groups in an inner city area.

The Royal Borough of KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA

Application forms, quoting Ref. G537X, from the Personnel Service, The Town Hall, Hornton Street, London W8 7NX. Tel: 01-937 8562 (24 hour answering service). Closing date for applications 12th April 1985.

WE ARE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER

PARKS & AMENITIES DIVISION

ASSISTANT CHIEF OFFICER (Parks Services)

£16,722 — £17,763 p.a. + Car Allowance

We are looking for a suitably qualified and experienced person to fill this important post in an Outer London Borough with approximately 2,000 acres of open space containing a large number of recreational facilities providing a wider range of leisure opportunities.

The successful applicant will be responsible for all landscape, horticultural, arboricultural and parks management services and will work in close liaison with the Recreation Branch of the Division in promoting the public use of parks and open spaces.

Further details may be obtained from the Chief Officer, Parks and Amenities on 01-579 2424, ext. 3437.

Please quote reference 686P. Closing date: 11/4/85.

Application forms obtainable from the Personnel Office, Room A/204, Town Hall Annexe, New Broadway, Ealing W5 2BY. Telephone (01) 840 1995 (24-hour service).

All salaries are inclusive of London Weighting Allowance. All posts are open to male and female applicants unless otherwise stated. Special consideration will be given to disabled persons whose qualifications and/or experience are relevant to the post for which they apply

Ealing London Borough

MIND

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER — Trent & Yorkshire MIND

Salary from £6,851 — £9,038

3-year fixed term contract to 31st March, 1988

Do you want to help MIND improve mental health in Lincolnshire? You could do by joining an expanding and enthusiastic MIND team based in Sheffield but outposted to an operational base in North Lincolnshire. Your major task would be to establish a significant MIND presence in this area and thereby contribute to the development of community based services particularly in the accommodation field

You will need to be a "self-starter" and be able to relate to a wide cross section of the community. Some evening and week-end work and travel throughout North Lincolnshire

MIND has an interest in representing ALL mentally ill people and consequently seeks positively to encourage applicants equally regardless of race, sex, sexual orientation, age or disability. Job sharers welcome. Generous holidays. LV's. MIND car

Further information, application form and job description from: John W. Williams, Regional Director, Trent & Yorkshire MIND, The White Building, Fitzalan Square, Sheffield, S1 2AY. Closing date for receipt of completed applications: 4th April, 1985.

SHEFFIELD AGAINST RATE CAPPING FOR THE RIGHT REASONS.

CHIEF ASSISTANT ELECTRICAL/ MECHANICAL ENGINEER

PO1e £11,259-£12,243

Should be experienced in the preparation of estimates, specifications and contract documents relating to complete electrical installations for all types of Local Authority building. He/she will be required to supervise the quantity surveying aspects of Sub-contractors' work and will also have responsibility for the maintenance of control equipment in the Town Hall complex, Register Office and Medico Legal Centres. It is desirable that candidates should have some knowledge of Direct Labour Organisation Legislation associated with contract documents, and hold HNC qualifications in electrical engineering. This is a re-advertisement and previous applicants need not re-apply.

APPLICATION FORMS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF WORKS, SHEFFIELD WORKS DEPARTMENT, MANOR LANE, SHEFFIELD S2 1TR, TEL: 0742-735229. PLEASE QUOTE POST NO. 601. CLOSING DATE: 6th APRIL.

TRAINING OFFICERS

SO1/2 £9,477-£11,025

We are looking for two training officers to complete the team in our Training and Staff Development Section. Post 1 will be responsible for the design and implementation of a range of training initiatives in line with developments in service provision for people who are mentally ill or handicapped. He/she will operate within the context of major Departmental change and so will require core training skills which can be applied flexibly to new situations, in addition to specialist knowledge of mental health issues. Should possess CQSW, CSS or equivalent qualification with appropriate post-qualification experience. Post 2 will be expected to operate generically, using core training skills in a range of training situations, initially because of pending Departmental reorganisation. He/she will concentrate on the development of strategies for management development, consulting closely with Managers at all levels. This area of training will be closely linked to other training initiatives being developed at departmental and inter-departmental level. Should have a recognised qualification in Personnel Management, CQSW, CSS or equivalent with appropriate post-qualification experience. Informal inquiries about these posts to Wendy Codling, Principal Training and Development Officer, tel: 0742-734829. Applicants interested in a job share appointment will receive equal consideration.

APPLICATION FORM, JOB DESCRIPTION AND FURTHER INFORMATION FROM THE PERSONNEL SECTION, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, REDVERS HOUSE, UNION STREET, SHEFFIELD S1 2JQ, TEL: 0742-734982/3. CLOSING DATE: 10th APRIL.

City of Sheffield

An Equal Opportunity Employer

CENTRE FOR LOCAL ECONOMIC STRATEGIES

Palatine Chambers, Pinstone Street
SHEFFIELD S1 2HN Tel: (0742) 755215 ext 213

This new Centre in Manchester is being established by a number of local authorities to assist and complement their economic initiatives and thereby to develop economic analysis and strategy on a national basis. The focus of the Centre will be on

i) public sector employment
ii) the scope and impact of local authority economic intervention in the local economy
iii) other forms of public sector intervention in the local economy and
iv) analysis of the local economy

The Centre's activities will include major research, seminars, conferences, a regular journal and newsletter, information provision and intervention in national debate on economic strategies.

Applications are now invited for the first two posts (the remaining eight posts will be filled later in 1985).

DIRECTOR

£21,105 x £474(2) — £22,053

The Director will be responsible to the Centre's Board for work and development of the Centre for Local Economic Strategies. S/he will manage and direct the Centre and will act as its principal spokesperson. Substantial experience in the field of economic strategy will be expected from applicants together with management skills and a capacity to lead a major innovative project. This appointment will be made on a three-year fixed term contract.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

£15,144 — £399(4) — £16,500

The Finance & Administrative Officer will act as Company Secretary and will be responsible for the design and implementation of all financial and administrative systems within the Centre for Local Economic Strategies. S/he must also have the ability to take an active role in the overall development of the Centre.

Application forms and further particulars are available from the Senior Administration Officer, Employment Department, Palatine Chambers, Sheffield S1 2HN. (0742 755215 ext 212).

Closing date — 10 April 1985.

The Centre for Local Economic Strategies is an Equal Opportunities Employer and positively welcomes applications from women and men, regardless of their racial, ethnic or national origin, disability, age, sexuality or responsibilities for dependants.

All posts are open for job sharing.

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REHABILITATION CO-ORDINATOR

(Senior OT/Physiotherapist I Grade within Whitley scales)
Salary £6,849 pa rising to £7,753 pa

This very important post and its holder should possess the drive and initiative to formulate rehabilitative policies for the Centre.

A dynamic leader is required to co-ordinate existing rehabilitation activities and liaise with other Centre therapeutic and training departments. The appointee will lead the rehabilitation team

Application form and job description available on request from the Administrator a Department (Mobberley 2613 09 00 to 16 00 hours each weekday).

Completed application forms to be returned not later than 3rd April, 1985, to David Lewis Centre, Warford, nr Alderley Edge, Cheshire.

The David Lewis Centre

MANCHESTER COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY RELATIONS

requires an

ASSISTANT COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER (Social Welfare)

(Re-advertised)

To work within the policy and regulations of the Manchester Council for Community Relations for the development of good Community Relations in the City of Manchester between ethnic minorities and the host community and among ethnic minorities themselves.

Responsibilities include:

Provision of Social Welfare Advisory Service to individuals and families

Investigation of areas of need within ethnic communities and preparation of reports of findings for consideration by the Social Welfare Sub-Committee

Undertaking speaking engagements to promote increased awareness of Social Welfare needs of ethnic communities and *encouragement of appropriate training* and procedural practices to enable other agencies to better meet ethnic communities' needs.

SALARY SCALE. AP4 (£7,524-£8,262).

For job description and application form, please ring 061-834 9153, or contact the Administrative Officer at MCCR, Elliot House, 3 Jackson's Row, Deansgate, Manchester M2 5WD.

Closing date for return of forms Wednesday, 3rd April 1985

CIIR

ADMIN ASSISTANT FOR CIIR

To work in publications section. Specific responsibilities will include management of records on word processor, organisation of mail-outs, preparation and circulation of documents and dealing with enquiries. Some filing, copy typing and correspondence. Experience of office organisation and good typing essential. Experience with word processors, familiarity with the Catholic church and interest in the Third World advantages. 21 hours per week, £4,594 p.a. For job description please ring 01-354 0883 or write to CIIR Publications Section, 22 Coleman Fields, London N1 7AF. Closing date: April 10th.

GROUNDWORK PROJECT OFFICER

Countryside Conservation

An enthusiastic, imaginative and able individual is required to work as part of a small dynamic team involving the Community in environmental conservation work.

Experience motivating and supervising volunteers, young people and community groups in countryside projects is required, as is a driver's licence.

The job will be varied and challenging. 18 months initial contract. £7,000 p.a. starting salary (No overtime payable).

Apply with full c.v. by 1st April, to: Oldham and Rochdale Groundwork Trust, 8 Chapel Street, Shaw, Oldham OL2 8AJ. Tel.: (0706) 842212.

MUDCHUTE PARK AND FARM

A thriving community project in East London requires

EXPERIENCED CO-ORDINATOR

to work in existing staff team. Responsible for day-to-day management and answerable to committee of local people Must have usual office skills, including budget and finance control. Friendly personality with initiative and imagination essential.

Salary £10,100 p.a.

Phone 01-515 5901 for application form, to be returned by 10th April to:

MUDCHUTE FARM
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Closing date: 29th March, 1985.

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HOUSING AND PROPERTY SERVICES

Important Posts in Management Housing Finance

DHPS Finance Division

As the first phase of a major review of the Housing Finance Division the following posts are required. These posts will form the basis of the new Internal Control Sub-Division.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT (INTERNAL CONTROL)

(Ref H52)

Salary: £13,491–£14,574 pa incl

This post will be responsible for a small team of accountancy staff who will be implementing the recommendations of the audit review systems. The successful applicant will be qualified in any of the recognised accountancy qualifications or by virtue of experience be able to demonstrate that they are able to undertake the responsibilities of this important management post at this level. He/She will be responsible for investigating and establishing financial systems and procedures in all areas of the housing directorate prior to the next phase of decentralisation. Further, the post holder will need to demonstrate a clear understanding of and practical experience of working with computerised accounting systems both main frame and those based on "stand alone" computer systems. Finally the successful applicant will need to demonstrate an ability to communicate effectively at all levels both verbally and via reports, etc, and the postholder will be required to attend committees on a regular basis.

ACCOUNTANT (INTERNAL CONTROL)

(Ref H53)

Salary: £11,964–£12,810 pa incl.

The postholder will be required to carry out detailed systems and procedural investigations in all areas of the Housing Directorate as directed by the team leader. The postholder will be educated to accountancy technician standard or the equivalent by virtue of their experience. The successful applicant will need to demonstrate that they have had practical experience in developing control and maintaining systems in a computerised environment. This experience should encompass all aspects of systems design through to development and testing of the system themselves.

PRINCIPAL RENT ACCOUNTS OFFICER

(Ref H54)

Salary £13,491–£14,574 pa incl.

This post is responsible for managing the council's rent accounting section which consists of a team of some 30 staff dealing with all aspects of rent accounting and reconciliation. The successful candidate will be educated to part qualified or accounting technician level or the equivalent by virtue of the candidates' experience. The post holder will be required to demonstrate a proven ability to manage large numbers of staff in a complex accounting environment although not necessarily in a rent accounting section. In addition, the post requires a proven ability to operate with and understand large complex computer based accounting systems and the ability to write a computer systems brief would be an advantage.
In addition, all of the postholders will be required to participate in the training of both their own staff and the staff of the directorate generally in both detailed financial systems and the more general responsibilities of staff working with the council's finances. Therefore it is essential that the postholders are able to communicate effectively both verbally and via formal committee reports, etc.
Candidates will need to demonstrate a clear understanding of the issues involved in working in an inner city, multi racial area and be committed to the council's policy of equal opportunity.
Individuals can apply for job sharing.

DISTRICT LIAISON OFFICER

(Ref H55)

Salary: £14,574–£15,606 pa incl.

This post occupies a key position in the Estate Management Division and is seen as one of the essential elements in the council decentralisation programme as it is responsible for the overall co-ordination of the policy function:
1. Re-housing via transfers, lettings and the various mobility services, mutual exchanges.
2. Estate Management — voids, squatters, general tenancy matters, estate strategies, etc.
3. Equal Opportunities monitoring — the effect of council policy on disadvantaged groups within the borough.
This post requires someone capable of combining organisational flair and effective communication skills in order to initiate projects and development work aimed at assisting the Housing Districts in maintaining an efficient service to their tenants. You will play a key role in co-ordinating new policies and drafting procedures for the neighbourhood district offices and ensuring that the function at the districts and the NMOs are effectively monitored.
The successful candidate will need to demonstrate a proven ability to communicate at all levels both verbally and in more formal reports, etc. In addition, the post holder will regularly attend meetings both formally via the council's committee procedure and more general meeting with tenants' associations, etc. Candidates will need to demonstrate a clear understanding and appreciation of issues surrounding housing in an inner city multi-racial area.
Individuals can apply for job sharing.

INTERNAL CONTROL OFFICER

(Ref: H49)

Salary: £10,725–£11,355 pa incl.

To be responsible for ensuring that internal assessment and monitoring is carried out on the evaluation of Housing Benefit and on its accuracy.
The postholder will be required to write comprehensive reports on the findings, including recommendations on improvement of procedures, training, etc, with the aim to improve efficiency within the section and provide a better service to the tenant.
An enquiring mind coupled with the sound analytical and numeracy skills are essential in order to identify training needs and other relevant problems. The successful applicant must display the ability to build and maintain sound communication links with other officers at all levels in order to co-ordinate the internal control function.
Individuals can apply for job sharing.

RENT ASSESSMENT OFFICER

(Ref: H50)

Salary: £9,780–£10,362 pa incl

To supervise a team of rent assessment staff in the accurate and prompt assessment of rents and amenity charges relating to the council's properties. The successful applicant will also be responsible for recalculation of benefits following a revaluation of rents, and to liaise with the Rent Accounts Section accordingly.
The postholder will be responsible for the training of his/her staff particularly in new developments of the Housing Benefits Scheme and in the main features of rent assessment.
A working knowledge of the Housing Benefit Scheme and legislation is required and previous experience in rent assessment would be desirable. Candidates should display sound organisation skills coupled with the ability to analyse, interpret and collate information.
Individuals can apply for job sharing.

RENT ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT

(Ref: 51)

Salary: £7,803–£8,577 pa incl

To assess the appropriate level of rents for new and/or improved properties and to process backdated adjustments to tenants' Housing Benefit claims on revaluation of properties.
The successful applicant will be numerate and possess sound administrative skills coupled with an enquiring and methodical mind.
Previous experience in the use of micro-computers would be desirable but is not essential. More important is the ability to analyse and extract information and sound communication skills in dealing with officers and members of the public efficiently and effectively.
Individuals can apply for job sharing.
Application forms obtainable from the Personnel Officer, Directorate of Housing & Property Services, London Borough of Lambeth, Hambrook House, Porden Road, SW2. Telephone 01-272 7722, extension 2053. Closing date 9th April, 1985.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Career Opportunities in Personnel Management

Lambeth's Directorate of Civil Engineering and Public Services provides a wide range of important services to the residents of our inner-city borough. Refuse collection, street cleansing, structural engineering and street lighting are only a few of the areas which come within our sphere of operation. The council's customer directorates also depend on us to keep their vehicles on the road.
Two vacancies have arisen within our Personnel and Training Division, which offer excellent career opportunities for enthusiastic personnel specialists.

ASSISTANT PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OFFICER

(Ref P30)

You will provide a varied and broad range of personnel services to the employees of the Transport Sub-Division who are responsible for maintaining and servicing the council's vehicle fleet and plant.
Applicants should have gained sound generalist personnel experience including interpretation of conditions of service and recruitment and selection skills. An analytical constructive, problem-solving approach is essential, as is the ability to work on your own initiative. Excellent communication skills are vital.
The effective promotion of Lambeth's Equal Opportunities Policy is an integral part of the personnel role, and applicants must display a sensitive and positive approach to the advancement of this policy.
The ability to make a positive contribution towards good industrial relations is essential, and it will be important for you to demonstrate experience of working in a unionised environment.
Qualified and unqualified applicants with relevant experience may apply. Evidence of formal training in personnel management will be advantageous.
The salary offered will be in the range £9,780–£11,355 per annum, inclusive of London Weighting. Other benefits include an occupational pension scheme, 26 days' annual leave, car allowance and car loan facilities.
Individuals can apply for job sharing.

PERSONNEL ASSISTANT

(Ref P31)

Reporting to the Personnel & Training Officer, you will assist in providing a broad range of personnel services to manual, administrative and engineering employees. In addition, you will be involved in maintaining and retrieving staffing statistics.
Applicants must have sound administrative experience, preferably within a Personnel Department, and be able to demonstrate commitment to the sensitive nature of personnel work. You must be able to cope with a variety of tasks, and to communicate effectively with all levels within the organisation.
Industrial relations awareness and commitment to the advancement of the council's Equal Opportunities Policy are important requirements of this post.
The salary offered will be in the range £8,772–£9,510 per annum, inclusive of London Weighting. Other benefits include an occupational pension scheme and 26 days' annual leave.
Individuals can apply for job sharing.
For application form and job description, please contact: Personnel Section, Directorate of Public Services, London Borough of Lambeth, George West House, 2 Clapham Common North Side, London SW4 or telephone 01-720 2177, ext. 271, quoting appropriate reference number. Closing date: 10th April, 1985.

SOCIAL SERVICES

SENIOR DAY CARE OFFICER

(UNDER FIVES)

REF. NO. SP/608/A/G

£14,574–£15,606 incl.

Lambeth is a densely populated inner City area experiencing significant demographic change, particularly in its age distribution and ethnic grouping. In response to these changes, the council has developed diverse but integrated social services, care of the under fives being a high priority area. The current social services budget exceeds £41 million, over £4 million of which is devoted to the under fives. Some 80% of the children currently attending day nurseries are black.
We need an exceptionally able and resourceful person to lead the under fives sub-division. The sub-division has an establishment of 14 day nurseries, two of which have annexes in separate buildings, two directly run playgroups and seven after-school groups. Substantial grants are made to the voluntary sector, including support for five day nurseries and 43 playgroups. Other groups are funded through grants from the Inner City Partnership.
Lambeth offers the challenge of developing and remodelling these services to meet the needs of a new generation in a multi-racial environment. In order to help develop services to the maximum advantage, management committees which include representatives of the council, parents and voluntary organisations are being established at each nursery. You will play a leading role in structuring the service for the future and further developing relationships with the private and voluntary sectors.
We are looking for an enthusiastic, skilled and experienced manager, sensitive to the needs of clients, capable of working under pressure and with an understanding of and skills in industrial relations.
You must demonstrate:
—Proven ability at senior management level in services for the under fives, or in related fields.
—A positive record of innovating and implementing ideas and an appreciation of the dynamics of day care for young children.
—Leadership skills and the ability for corporate and strategic thought and action.
—An awareness of the managerial role in industrial relations.
—Commitment to actively promote the council's Equal Opportunities Policy.
—Commitment to professional development of staff, and a responsiveness to the views of individual members of the public and community groups.
While a professional or managerial qualification is considered desirable, greater emphasis is given to proven managerial expertise.
Individuals can apply for job sharing.

For further information please contact Thelma Lavender, Senior Assistant Director, Homes and Day Care, on 01-720 0220, ext. 479. CLOSING DATE: 11th April, 1985.
FOR SOCIAL SERVICES APPLICATION FORMS ONLY PLEASE TELEPHONE 01-627 0564 (24-HOUR SERVICE) OR WRITE TO: THE RECRUITMENT SECTION, ROOM 500, 91 CLAPHAM HIGH STREET, LONDON, S.W.4.

Benefits for most posts advertised include flexible working hours, subsidised staff canteen, sickness and superannuation scheme, generous annual leave.

As part of Lambeth's Equal Opportunities Policy, applications are welcome from people regardless of race, creed, nationality, disability, age, sex, sexual orientation or responsibility for children or dependents.

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Christian Co-worker
required to develop existing work with young people and to initiate and develop small group work. JNC conditions. Salary according to qualifications / experience. Urban Aid funded until July, 1988 (Extension under review). S.A.E. to above address for application form. Closing date: 29th March, 1985.

BRISTOL RAPE CRISIS LINE
requires a full-time joint
CO-ORDINATOR/ CRISIS WORKER
Salary £8,820 pa.
Send SAE for details to BRCL 39 Jamaica St., Bristol BS2 8JP. Applications are welcome from working class women, women from all racial and cultural backgrounds, and women with children. Closing date April 22nd.

Social Work Management

In an expanding Hospital environment

Up to £11,562 Berkshire

Battle Hospital in Reading is a 376-bed General Hospital providing a wide range of services to geriatric, medical, surgical, rheumatology and physically handicapped patients. Exciting new developments are in hand with a 25-bed acute geriatric assessment unit already under way and others are planned for the treatment, care and support of an increasingly elderly population.

It's a highly progressive and caring environment and this appointment of Principal Social Worker will carry responsibility for a fully qualified and enthusiastic team of Hospital Social Workers, as well as the overall direction of services to a nearby Community Hospital and social work attachment to a local Health Centre.

In this challenging role you'll be leading and motivating your team; managing the workload; organising student placements and generally ensuring a high level of service. A major responsibility will be to play a leading role in maintaining and still further developing the already well established personal and operational links with health service personnel, the Department's geographical divisions and local voluntary organisations.

It's a position calling for well developed management and leadership skills and the personality, drive and enthusiasm necessary to develop and sustain the Department's objectives. Further in-service training will be encouraged.

If you are a qualified Social Worker with an interest in hospital Social work and experienced at a senior level, this could be the ideal career development appointment for you.

Salary will be in the range £10,716 — £11,562 plus a car user allowance and removal/lodging expenses where appropriate.

For informal discussion please contact Mr. D. Gay, Assistant Divisional Director, Health, Social Services Department, Berkshire County Council, Shire Hall, Shinfield Park, Reading RG2 9XH. Telephone: Reading (0734) 875444 ext. 4871. Application form and job description from: Personnel Section at above address.
Tel: Reading 875444 ext. 4846. Closing date: 9th April.

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Royal County of Berkshire

PRINCIPAL OFFICER

(SECRETARIAT)

Grade PO (35-38) £10,716–£11,562

A graduate (or professionally qualified person of any discipline) is required for this post.
The successful applicant will work closely with senior managers in the central office of the Social Services Department.
The Secretariat provides support to the processes of review, the preparation of policy advice, and the monitoring of its implementation by the management team.
The Principal Officer will also direct the work of the Office manager in providing effective and efficient office systems to the whole of the central office.
The post requires initiative, self discipline, a high level of writing skills, the capacity to work, reliably, often under high pressure, and a creative approach to the design and adaptation of systems in a constantly changing environment.
The postholder will need the ability to relate easily to different kinds of people, and should be familiar with the operation of a large organisation, and should be receptive to the opportunities offered by new technology (for which training will be given).
The post offers an opportunity to experience at first hand the working of local government at the top level, and will be a valuable step in a career in management or administration.
For informal discussion, telephone Paul Blackham, Director of Social Services on Northampton 34833, Ext. 5500 or John Fletcher, Deputy, on Ext. 5501.
For job description and application form please contact Personnel Branch, Floor 4, Northampton House, Northampton. Telephone: Northampton 38292 (direct line).

Northamptonshire
Social Services

DEPARTMENT OF WORKS

Principal Building Maintenance Surveyor — Grade PO1C

Salary £12,243-£13,326 pa + £1,017 LW and supplements

The successful applicant will preferably be qualified but essentially will have had a wide experience in building surveying and control of surveying staff.
Applicants should possess the personality and character to maintain good professional relationships with client departments. He/she will be responsible for the work of a number of surveyors who will be carrying out surveys on public buildings, preparing specifications, contract documents and supervising works to final account.
A car user allowance is payable.
This post is not suitable for Job Sharing.
Application form and job description from the Personnel Division, Room 1, Brent Town Hall Annexe, Kings Drive, Wembley, Middx HA9 9BR, returnable by 15th April, 1985, Tel 01-903 0371 (24-hr Ansafone service). Ref W/624 must be quoted.

London Borough of
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Coventry Citizens Advice Bureau and Consumer Advice Centre in
COVENTRY require an

ORGANISER

Full-Time post: Salary £10,404-£12,645 (SO2-PO1)

This is one of the busiest Bureaux in the Country with a heavy involvement in multiple debt, consumer and general casework. There are 13 paid and 60 voluntary workers.
For further details telephone: 021-643 3456, or write to: Mr C. Bates, Administrative Officer, National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, 5th Floor, Norfolk House, Smallbrook Queensway, Birmingham B5 4LJ.
CLOSING DATE: 10 APRIL, 1985.
The Bureau positively encourages applications regardless of race, colour, sex, sexual orientation or disability.
Previous applicants need not re-apply.

Citizens Advice Bureau

IN WALTHAM FOREST

PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR

Grade PO1 (£11,373 inclusive)

CARE IN THE COMMUNITY PILOT PROJECT PROGRAMME

We have secured funding to establish a mental health centre and provide resettlement support in ordinary housing for 18 people currently in hospital.
Applications are invited from persons with a wide knowledge of mental health issues and a proven track record in the voluntary / statutory sector, to implement and manage this radical and innovative project.
For details, please phone Sharron Crook on 01-519 6787. Closing date for applications will be 10th April, 1985.
MIND in Waltham Forest is an Equal Opportunities Employer

TOLMERS SQUARE COMMUNITY CENTRE

ORGANISER

Experienced and resourceful Organiser required for small, recently established, Centre near Euston in ethnically varied neighbourhood. 35 hours p.w. Salary AP5 (£9,780). Camden funded and locally managed.
Details and application form from **Bob Austin, Chair, Tolmers Square Community Centre, NW1 2PE — enclosing S.A.E.** Applications close 12th April, 1985. Interviews: 1st May, 1985.
Tolmers Square is an Equal Opportunities Employer.

TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT
POLICY PLANNING SECTION

Administrative Assistant

(Non-Statutory Organisations)

SCALE 5 £8832/£9114

Are you sympathetic to the needs of non-statutory organisations? Can you relate sensitively to people from a wide variety of backgrounds? Can you operate effectively within a large organisation?
A vacancy exists in the Inner Cities Unit for an enthusiastic person to be responsible for administering grants to non-statutory organisations under the Urban Programme. The volume of work is high so you must be able to work under pressure with the minimum of supervision.
Previous experience would be useful but with the ability to demonstrate commitment and sensitivity is more important.

Administrative Assistant

(Strategy)

SCALE 5 £7624/£8282

The work of the Strategy Group covers a wide range of key council initiatives — lobbying Government on issues affecting the economic well-being of the city (e.g. regional policy), liaison with the EEC, inner city strategy — as well as many special projects. The development of race relations policies is also being undertaken pending the establishment of a separate Race Relations Unit.
You will be involved in all these activities and so must possess organisational skills, flair and initiative. The ability to communicate effectively with people at all levels of the organisation and from a wide variety of backgrounds is essential.
Application forms available from the Town Clerk's Staff Office (061-234 3077) to be returned not later than Tuesday, 9th April, 1985

CITY ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT

Architects/Assistants/ Technicians

Salary up to SO2 — £10404–£11625 (exceptionally PO2 £11258–£12243)
URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR ONE-YEAR CONTRACTS IN THE HOUSING DIVISION — 14 POSTS
To work on:
(a) Community Re-habilitation Schemes in an Inner City Area. Making decent places out of awful areas
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(c) Inspect, diagnose, specify and supervise works necessary for programmed maintenance of many thousands of council-owned properties. This activity will be carried out in close liaison with the Direct Works Department.
If you are interested in any of the above activities and think that you have the right outlook, background experience and commitment and are prepared to "get stuck in" to a stint of hard work, then don't waste any time. Write to the City Architect's Department, Town Hall, Manchester M60 2JT or telephone 061-236 3577, Ext. 618 for an application form. Closing date 5th April, 1985.
Commencing salary point in the scale will be fixed according to qualifications and experience.
A five-day week of 35 hours is in operation under a system of flexible working hours.
The City Council operates a Union Membership Agreement, under which a new employee is required to become a member of a recognised trade union.

MANCHESTER City Council

Manchester City Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer, and we positively welcome applications from women and men, regardless of their racial, ethnic or national origin, disability, age, sexuality, or responsibilities for dependants.

STATES OF JERSEY
Planning Department

Development Officer

Salary range £15,814-£17,684

Applications are invited for the post of Development Officer, Planning Department. The post heads the Development Control Section, which is an integrated Planning and Building Control Unit involving 19 professional and administrative staff.
The Section is responsible for the receipt and processing of all planning and development applications, for ensuring that they comply with the requirements of the Island Planning (Jersey) Law, 1964, and the Public Health (Control of Building) Law, 1956, and for guidance in various forms to the public and others over Planning, Design and Building Control matters.
The post calls for expertise in Planning, Architecture, Civic and Landscape Design, and Building Control. A new Island plan is at an advanced stage of preparation and the successful applicant will be a leader capable of taking new opportunities that Plan will provide to implement development control in a fresh and positive manner.
Applicants should have passed the final examination of the Royal Town Planning Institute, and/or hold other appropriate qualifications. They should also have at least ten years' experience of development control, and have experience in managing professional and technical colleagues.
The appointment is for a contract period of seven years.
Application form and job description available from the States Personnel Department, Cyril Le Marquand House, PO Box 600, The Parade, St Helier, Jersey, CI. Telephone 0534 79111 ext 135. Closing date: 15th April, 1985.

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE
VACANCIES IN THE THIRD WORLD

IVS sends skilled people for two-year appointments to work for development and self-reliance in the Third World. We are looking for qualified and experienced people to work on a modest living allowance in

Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique and Swaziland.

Current requirements: construction supervisors, architects, planners, civil engineers; foresters, agriculturalists, poultry hatchery coordinator, rural development coordinator, printed textiles craft instructors, doctors, nurse-tutors, occupational physiotherapist, medical lab technicians, accountant, teachers — science, maths, geography, EFL, remedial, primary, and pre-school infant for health education
Two year contract including modest living allowance and flights. Regret no funding for dependants. Applicants must be resident in the UK or Ireland
For further details send short c v and large s a e to Kathy Bourassa, International Voluntary Service, G21, 53 Regent Rd., Leicester, LE1 6YL.

ASHRAM COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT
wish to appoint

TWO EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT WORKERS

Salary: Scale 6, £8,154
(Current level, increase pending)

Post 1
EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT WORKER

Post 2
WOMEN'S EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT WORKER

Wanted for community employment projects in Sparkbrook, Birmingham, to develop employment initiatives, especially co-operatives, and small businesses based on traditional skills in mainly Asian neighbourhood.
Details from: **The Coordinator, SPARKBROOK ASHRAM COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT, 23, 25 Grantham Road, Sparkbrook, Birmingham B11 1LU. Tel: 021-773 7061.**
Closing date: March 30th, 1985.

EASTBOURNE BOROUGH COUNCIL
TECHNICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

DOWNLAND RANGER

Scale 4: £6,555 to £7,329

Eastbourne has 4,000 acres of downland which is an Area of Outstanding National Beauty with a Heritage Coast including the famous Beachy Head. A Ranger is required to assist in the development and protection of this unique environment.
Applications are invited from persons with sound knowledge of natural history and conservation together with practical experience and proven organisational ability. The duties of the post include work at evenings and week-end which is reflected in the salary offered. The Ranger will be required to live in accommodation which will be provided on or adjacent to the Downs.
Full details and application forms may be obtained from **The Director of Technical Services, 68-68 Grove Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN21 1DF. Completed applications must be returned so as to be received not later than 12 noon on Friday, 5th April, 1985.**
For informal discussions about this post, please telephone Richard Stanson on (0323) 21333.

WOMENS MOTOR MECHANICS PROJECT
requires

3 CAR MECHANICS INSTRUCTORS

FULL TIME, 35 hours PW

The Womens Motor Mechanics Project is a training workshop set up by and for women, offering 6 month part-time courses in car mechanics leading to a recognised qualification. Appointments are subject to funding. Salary SO1 £10,725 p.a. incl. London Weighting
Ethnic minorities and women especially welcome to apply
For application form and further information phone 01-582 2574, or write to Bay 4R, 1-3 Brixton Road, London SW9 6DE.
This post falls within section 38b of the Race Relations Act, 1976.
Closing date 12 April, 1985.

GLOUCESTER TRADES COUNCIL FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

CO-ORDINATOR

Experience in the following areas is desirable: trade union work, involvement with voluntary organisations, fund-raising campaigning and publicity, advice work, administration.
Membership of a TUC affiliated union is a condition of employment. One year contract renewable dependent on future financial provision.
Salary within scale £7,524-£8,282.
Further details and application form Tel 0452 27316 or write to Janet Gardner, 3 Sydenham Terrace, Gloucester.
Closing date: Thursday, 4th April, 1985.
We are an equal opportunities employer

GLC
Working for London

Deputy Departmental Personnel Officers

A major reorganisation of the Council's personnel function has created these opportunities within the senior management teams of a number of our departmental personnel divisions.

Director-General's Department, which employs some 1,900 blue and white collar staff. Its personnel division has 30 staff and also provides personnel support to the Outer London Magistrates Courts and the Probation and After Care Committees, employing some 2,100 staff. Ref: 5708.

Personnel and Medical Departments have a joint finance and staff division comprising 40 staff which is responsible for approximately 1,150 blue and white collar, GLC, ILEA and Health Authority staff. Ref: 5712.

Mechanical & Electrical Engineering Department, where the post has responsibility within a division of 20 staff to oversee industrial relations and personnel matters for some 1,300 blue and white collar staff. Ref: 5710.

Department of Recreation and the Arts has a staff division of 70 staff dealing with services for approximately 700 white collar and blue collar staff. Ref: 5713.

Housing Department, where the personnel division of 35 staff also services the Technical Services Group and London Community Builders, comprising approximately 1,500 white collar and 400 blue collar staff. Ref: 5709.

Public Health Engineering Department establishment division has a staff of 30 servicing the needs of approximately 650 white collar and 630 blue collar staff. Ref: 5711.

Supplies Department establishment division has a staff of 25 servicing the needs of approximately 930 white collar and 490 blue collar staff. Ref: 5714.

Although each of these posts carries specific responsibilities unique to the department within which they are located, all provide broad involvement in the day to day management of their division and in the complete spectrum of personnel work ranging from recruitment, staff appraisal, training and career development to pay and conditions.

We are looking to recruit personnel professionals committed to equal opportunities and with a wide knowledge and/or experience of applying practices and procedures within a large organisation employing a substantial complement of craft or operative staff. Applicants should also possess a high level of interpersonal and communication skills, capable of developing and maintaining relationships within a multi-disciplined environment and of explaining complex policies, practices and agreements in simple terms.

Ethnic minorities are under represented in senior personnel posts and applications from ethnic minority men and women for these positions would be particularly welcome.

Salaries: £16,629-£18,489 inclusive.

LONDON AGAINST RACISM

The GLC is an equal opportunities employer. We invite applications from women and men from all sections of the community, irrespective of their ethnic origin, colour, sexual orientation or disability, who have the necessary attributes to do the job.

For an application form, to be returned by 4th April 1985, write to: GLC Senior Officer Appointments, PE SE1, IB3N, The County Hall, SE1 7PB or telephone 01-633 5136, quoting the reference number for the post(s) in which you are interested.

These posts are suitable for job sharing

RHYMNEY VALLEY DISTRICT COUNCIL
CYNGOR ARDAL CWM RHYMNI

PROPOSED MUSEUM SERVICE IN THE RHYMNEY VALLEY

MUSEUM OFFICER

SCALE 5 (£7,524 — £8,262)

One of the South Wales' valleys lying between Cardiff in the south and the Brecon Beacons in the north, Rhymney Valley has a rich heritage including a Tudor Mansion House now under restoration by the Council, a village of industrial revolution ironworkers' houses and mediaeval Caerphilly Castle. The Council has under consideration a number of projects with museum potential as well as one for a heritage centre.

Rhymney Valley District Council with the financial help of the Council of Museums in Wales is offering a unique opportunity to a suitably qualified person to research the feasibility of setting up a museum service in the Rhymney Valley. The project which will begin in 1985 and run for six years will also involve drafting collection and conservation policies and undertaking curatorial work in relation to existing buildings and artefacts. On or before the successful completion of the project it is likely that the Council will consider setting up a permanent museum service in the area.

Minimum qualifications are an appropriate degree as well as Museum Association Diploma and/or considerable museum experience.

A casual user car allowance is payable.

Further details including job description and application form are available from the Central Personnel Unit, Rhymney Valley District Council, Ystrad Fawr, Ystrad Mynach, Hengoed, Mid Glamorgan (Tel: Hengoed 815588. Ext. 222). The closing date for the return of completed applications is Wednesday, 3rd April, 1985.

THE PLANNING EXCHANGE
PROMOTING INNOVATION AND EFFECTIVENESS IN LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The emergence of the Planning Exchange as a leading provider of information and practical research services for local economic development has created an opportunity for a:

PROGRAMME OFFICER

(within range £10,000-£12,000)

Responsible for managing and editing LEDIS, the Local Economic Development Information Service, a monthly publication of case-studies of local economic initiatives.

Contributing to other areas of economic development work, including practical research, the organisation of seminars, and new extensions to the LEDIS service.

Candidates should demonstrate writing ability and a genuine concern for communication that is clear and to the point. They should have preferably experience of work or research in local economic development and a track record which shows initiative, acceptance of responsibility and an ability to achieve results. Awareness of marketing concepts and practice and working knowledge of a European language would be advantageous.

The Planning Exchange is a non-profit making company limited by guarantee, drawing its income from membership subscriptions from public authorities and other bodies, and increasingly, from its services including, publications and contract work.

Please write for further details from **Helen Glass, The Planning Exchange, 186 Bath Street, Glasgow G2 4HG. (041-332 8541). Deadline** for applications, including full CV and relevant supporting material by April 9.

HULL AND DISTRICT COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM

DIRECTOR

Applications are invited for the above new post which becomes available in April, 1985. Applicants should preferably have some experience in the management of persons with alcohol and related problems and the capacity to work closely with a range of statutory and voluntary agencies. The successful applicant will be expected to co-ordinate and supervise the work of voluntary counsellors, organise and participate in training programmes, and be responsible for the running of a service centred on Hull and also serving the surrounding district.

Salary: NJC Scale SO1-SO2 plus car allowance £9,600 to £10,539 subject to negotiation (increase pending).

Application forms and further information from: Reverend Paul Thomas, Rowley Rectory, Little Weighton, Cottingham HU20 3XR. Telephone 0482 843317.

Closing date for applications: April 3rd, 1985.

Re-advertisement due to error in closing date.

WORK IN LEISURE

PGL offer opportunities to work with children or families for long or short periods as activity (outdoor, sports, creative) instructors, Group Leaders, or in a wide range of supporting domestic and administrative roles at residential activity centres.

Details and application form from Personnel

PGL Young Adventure
804 Station Street
Ross-on-Wye HR9 7AH
Jobs 18-30's Tel: (0989) 64211

COMMUNITY WORK

LIVERPOOL PERSONAL SERVICE SOCIETY, Young Persons' Advisory Service. YOUTH COUNSELLOR, JNC Range 3 (1-4) £7,866 to £8,595. Required for "The Basement" City Centre walk-in counselling service. The work mainly involves individual and group counselling, and the development of social education programmes. Applicants must be appropriately qualified and have wide experience of working with the 16-25 age group. Closing date: April 5, 1985. Job description and application form available from: Senior Administrative Officer, Liverpool Personal Service Society, 34 Stanley Street, Liverpool L1 6AN.

GENERAL

CITY OF NOTTINGHAM

ARTS DEPARTMENT

The City Council has created new posts of Manager and Assistant Manager for three major ethnic Community Centres in Nottingham. These staff will be City Council employees but will be responsible for administering the policies agreed by the Management Committees of the Centres, the day to day administration, and will have an advisory input to the decision making process. The posts demand a high level of commitment but will provide job satisfaction.

Indian Community Centre
CENTRE MANAGER (Ref. A1)
ASSISTANT MANAGER (Ref. A2)

Applicants must have an understanding, commitment, knowledge and experience of working with the Indian Community, and have full knowledge of written and spoken Punjabi, Hindi and Gujarati essential.

Pakistan Community Centre
CENTRE MANAGER (Ref. A3)
ASSISTANT MANAGER (Ref. A4)

An understanding, knowledge and experience of working with Pakistanis and Kashmiris is essential. Full knowledge of written and spoken Punjabi and Urdu essential.

Afro-Caribbean Centre
CENTRE MANAGER (Ref. A5)
ASSISTANT MANAGER (Ref. A6)

An understanding and commitment of Afro-Caribbean Community is expected and experience of working with the black community is important.

Salary range: Manager SO1 £9,477-£10,107 p.a. Assistant Manager scale 5, £7,524-£8,262 p.a.

Further details and application form from The Personnel Manager, City Secretary's Department, The Guildhall, Nottingham NG1 4BT. Telephone Nottingham 418571, extension 4624. Please quote reference appropriate to the particular position. Closing date, April 11, 1985.

THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON THE HISTORICAL MONUMENTS OF ENGLAND

requires a

PART-TIME CURATORIAL OFFICER

(Grade G)

To assist in the provision of information and production of exhibitions, leaflets, etc., on the work of the Royal Commission on the Historical *Monuments of England.*

Minimum qualifications

Three GCE "O" level passes grade A, B or C, or equivalent one of which should be English. A knowledge of architecture, archaeology, and of book and exhibition production would be an advantage.

Hours

Twenty hours per week. Flexible working hours if preferred.

Salary

£2,455 p.a. including London weighting at age 16.
£3,344 p.a. including London weighting at age 21, rising to £4,075.

Leave

11 days (I.E. 22 half days) P.A.

R.C.H.M.E. is an equal opportunities employer.

For an application form and job description to be returned by April 4, 1985, write to or telephone Tracey Seeds, Room 5/19, R.C.H.M.E., 25 Savile Row, London W1X 1AB. Tel. 01-734 6010, ext. 791.

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARINGEY

PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
(Town Planning)

SALARY: £11,373 to £12,900 per annum inclusive of London Weighting — Grade PO1/PO2.

Haringey is a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic London Borough which in part displays all the symptoms of inner city deprivation. This is a key post in the Town Planning Service reporting directly to, and deputising for, the Chief Administrative and Programme Officer. Day to day responsibilities include the overall supervision and management of 11 Technical Administrative Staff supporting Development Control, Forward Planning and Urban Design technical staff, and dealing with Local Land Charges.

You will need to demonstrate the necessary understanding, sensitivity and commitment which is required to cope with problems which arise in the administration of the Town Planning function in such a community and its effect on the minority ethnic communities in particular.

You will certainly have experience of staff supervision and this will include staff motivation and training. Previous experience of administrative work at a senior level is essential, and preference will be given to candidates with local authority experience in Town Planning or related fields. Also essential is the ability to work with and relate to the needs of staff at all levels.

Application forms available from The Chief Administrative and Programme Officer, Town Planning Service, Broadway Annexe, Hornsey Town Hall, The Broadway, Crouch End, London N8 9JJ, or telephone Sue Grant on 01-340 5220, Ext 253. Closing date: April 5, 1985.

HARINGEY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

BRITISH MUSEUM

CURATORS GRADE G

INFORMATION RETRIEVAL GROUP

The Group is currently working on the computerisation of information relating to the Museum's collections in 5 departments: Medieval and Later Antiquities, Oriental Antiquities and Ethnography.

Duties include extraction and transcription of selected items of information from registers and other records, the transmission of this information to a computer using a terminal and reconciliation of the collections with the computer records.

Qualifications: GCE 'O' level passes or A, B or C awards in English or English Language and at least 3 other subjects. A knowledge of one or more subjects relevant to the posts is desirable. Experience in identifying, handling and storing museum artefacts would be an advantage. Although computer experience is unnecessary some familiarity with a typewriter keyboard would be useful.

Salary: £4,420 pa at 16 to £5,798 pa at 20; £6,020 at 21 or over. There are also some temporary posts available for a period of up to 5 years. Apply on a postcard to Establishments I (Ref. 32/85), British Museum, Gt. Russell St., WC1B 3DG by 12.4.85.

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

ARCHITECTS & PLANNERS

Metropolitan Borough of Knowsley

TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT

P.O. 7-10 — £12,645-£13,668

Building Control and Maintenance Division — Housing Modifications and Design Section

Applicants must be registered Architects and Members of the RIBA with wide experience and proven design ability, especially in the field of housing. The postholder will be directly responsible to the Chief Housing Modification and Design Officer and will be actively involved in the coordination and programming of schemes concerning all aspects of the Council's Housing Investment Programme, including: New House Building Schemes; Modernisation and upgrading of existing housing stock, including high rise dwellings; schemes of associated maintenance and capitalised repair work. He/she will be required to attend Committee and Public Meetings in connection with any schemes involved in the Council's Housing Investment Programme. An essential car user allowance is payable. A job description is available.

Application forms and Job Descriptions are available from:
The Director of Manpower and Management Services
Municipal Buildings
Kirkby, Merseyside L32 1TX
(Telephone: 051-548 6242 24 hours)
to whom they should be returned not later than April 4, 1985.

Cambridgeshire County Council

(EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER)

DIRECTORATE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH

3 EMERGENCY PLANNING OFFICERS

(Salary up to £10,800)

In response to the 1983 Civil Defence Regulations, the County Council wishes to appoint 3 additional Emergency Planning Officers. The duties will include the preparation of plans, instruction, exercise planning/control and public speaking. Some out of hours work will be involved. The work, based in Cambridge, will involve liaison with District Councils, Government departments, and voluntary organisations.

Experience in contingency planning is essential, and a background in *communications and instruction would be an advantage. Applicants need to be* of a mature presence and able to demonstrate commitment and have a standard of fluency in the written and spoken word. Above all, candidates need to be versatile, innovative and self motivating.

Letters of application, including a curriculum vitae should be sent to the Director of Planning and Research, Cambridgeshire County Council, Shire Hall, Cambridge CB3 0AP, by April 8, 1985.

COMMUNITY WORK

AYR ADDICTION REHABILITATION CENTRE

A non-residential Rehabilitation Project for people who have drugs, alcohol, solvents or other similar related problems, and their relatives.

PROJECT LEADER

Salary: £10,107 to £11,640

To establish and manage the above project. Experience and/or qualification in Counselling, Social Work, Community Work, Nursing, Education or other caring profession is desirable. Previous experience and knowledge in the addiction field is expected.

COUNSELLOR

Salary: £7,746 to £8,532

To assist in the development of the Project. Experience and/or qualification in Counselling, Social Work, Community Work, Nursing, Education or other caring profession would be appropriate.

Previous experience and knowledge in the addiction field is desirable but not essential. Job sharing will be considered.

Agency profile and application form are available from Rev R. D. McKenzie, Chairperson, Joint Voluntary Organisations' Addiction Project, The Manse, Ochiltree KA18 2PZ.

Closing date for applications: April 19, 1985.

YOUTH SERVICES

INNER LONDON EDUCATION AUTHORITY
AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

YOUTH SERVICE IN ISLINGTON

ISLINGTON PROJECT
The Old Laundry
Montem School
Hornsey Rd. London N7

DETACHED YOUTH WORKER

(To work with girls and young women from th Afro-Caribbean community). Applications are invited for th e post of Detached Youth Worker (Afro-Caribbean community), to join an existing team of ten Detached Youth Workers, who work in various areas of the Borough of Islington. This post links with one already in existence — a male worker working with young people of Afro-Caribbean origin. The priority is now to develop work with girls and young women from this community. The successful applicant will be expected to make contact with these young people and liaise with existing establishments and agencies serving them. Salary according to JNC scale 3L: £8,853 — £9,851. Unqualified scale: £5,886-£6,548. Both scales include London Allowance.

Application forms and job descriptions from ILEA, Islington Area Youth Office, White Lion Street, London N1 9PW. Tel 278 1802. Further details from Steve Rice at the Project on 281 2121. Closing date for receipt of applications: April 5, 1985.

Tower Hamlets Health Authority

THE LONDON HOSPITAL (WHITECHAPEL)

ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR

G.A.A. — £7,000-£8,821 inclusive

Following the promotion of the existing postholder we have a vacancy on the team responsible for the day to day Management of this Major London Teaching Hospital.

The successful candidate will be an energetic self-starter willing to routine administrative responsibilities with specific delegated management tasks. We would expect you to stay for about two years during which you will receive an excellent grounding in acute hospital management.

Contact Andrew Dillon, Deputy Hospital Administrator on 247 5454, Ext. 0, for informal chat.

Application form and job description available from Personnel Department, The London Hospital (Whitechapel), London E1 1BB. Tel. 247 5454, Ext. 35.

Closing date April 5, 1985.

THE LABOUR PARTY

has a short term vacancy for a

RESEARCH OFFICER

(Salary range £10,440 to £12,110 pa depending on experience in a similar capacity)

Arising from the absence of a research officer on maternity leave, there will be a short-term vacancy for a researcher in the Research Department. The area of responsibility includes policy on equal rights (including women's rights, and minority groups); policing policy and crime; general human rights issues; and penal policy and law reform. The post will last from June 3 until December 13, 1985.

Duties will include the preparation of research and other papers; the provision of background and campaign information to all sections of the Party; and the servicing of the appropriate advisory committees and groups of the National Executive Committee.

Applicants must have a good understanding, experience and knowledge of the above issues; and have experience in preparing papers on campaigns, and briefing material, on the above and related areas of policy. An Honours Degree, though not essential, would be of considerable advantage.

Applicants must be members of the Labour Party. A background of activity in the Party, and in the wider Labour movement, would also be of considerable advantage.

Application forms are available from the Administrative and Personnel Officer, The Labour Party, 150 Walworth Road, London, SE17 1JT. Telephone 01-703 1064. The closing date for applications is April 15, 1985.

The Labour Party is an equal opportunities employer.

SHEFFIELD LOW PAY CAMPAIGN

The Sheffield Women's Employment Forum, in conjunction with the Low Pay Unit and Sheffield City Council, is launching a Low Pay Campaign. The Campaign will focus on the pay, employment rights, and trade union membership of retail workers in Sheffield, with a particular emphasis on women workers, as well as providing advice and information to individual low paid workers in the private sector.

CAMPAIGN WORKER (12 months)

£10,404

The campaign is funded initially for one year, and requires a full-time Campaign Worker who will have day-to-day responsibility for the running of the Campaign. Specific duties include research and information gathering, case work, providing advice to low paid workers, generating publicity about the Campaign and the extent of low pay, and producing a final Campaign report.

This post requires a highly motivated individual with experience of working alone or in a small team. She/he, will need to be able to write clearly, to work with a wide range of people, and to support the Campaign's administrative worker. She/he must be committed to the aims of the Campaign, and to working in an anti-sexist and anti-racist way.

Application form/further details available from:
WEF, c/o 1 Collegiate Crescent, Sheffield 10
or Tel Isabella Stone, on Sheffield 663274 / 557526
Closing date: April 5, 1985

LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Services for Mentally Handicapped People in Southwark

DEPUTY MANAGER

£11,632 — £12,273 (SO2)

Crispin House SE1, is a large training centre for mentally handicapped adults, currently the only facility of its kind in Southwark. In addition to the full range of activities provided at an ATC, there is a substantial input from the ILEA and other bodies, both statutory and voluntary. The development of new services for mentally handicapped people in Southwark and changing client expectations is enabling Crispin House to review its future role.

A DEPUTY MANAGER is needed who will be able to assist and deputise for the Centre Manager. The development of specific roles will be open for discussion with the successful candidate.

Candidates should ideally offer C.S.S. and Mentally Handicapped Teaching Diploma or an equivalent qualification, and over 5 years' experience in work with this client group. However, personal qualities of maturity, reliability and a diplomatic flair will also be important assets.

For an informal discussion or to arrange a visit, contact Gerry Prior, Centre Manager, on 01-237 8518.

Southwark is an equal opportunity employer. Applications are welcome from candidates regardless of sex or ethnic origin and from registered disabled persons. Tel 01-701 2270 (24-hour answering service) any time for an application form, or write, on a postcard to: The Personnel Officer, London Borough of Southwark, 25 Commercial Way, London SE15 6DG. Please quote reference G/13/5318 and job title. Last date for receipt of completed Application forms: April 10, 1985.

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARINGEY

DAY CARE OFFICERS (2)

SO1 £10,134-£10,764

You will hold a caseload of childminders and playgroups, organise childminding groups and work alongside day nursery staff. Also take part in the duty system giving advice and support to people needing day care, especially in the area in which the Day Care Officer works.

The posts will be based centrally at 40 Cumberland Road, London N22, but each will link with an area team. Haringey serves a culturally diverse population and candidates should be particularly sensitive to the needs of the community.

Applicants should have had some experience of working with the Under 5s and should hold an appropriate qualification, such as RV Certificate, Psychology, CQSW, Teaching Certificate (Primary/Nursery), NNEB (the CSS would be an added advantage).

Informal inquiries to Mrs D. Edwards, telephone 01-881 3000. Ext. 3949.

Application form and job description from Director of Social Services, 40 Cumberland Road, London N22 6SG. Telephone 01-881 3000. Ext. 3795, quoting reference G/658.

CLOSING DATE: APRIL 4, 1985.

HARINGEY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Paddington and North Kensington Health Authority

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES UNIT
STATISTICS AND INFORMATION OFFICER

Applications are invited for the post of Statistics and Information Officer, based in the Department of Community Medicine.

We are looking for a graduate who is numerate and able to communicate with all levels of staff. He/she will have the use of a mini-computer and relevant experience would be an advantage.

Further information from: Anthony Morgan, tel 01-927 1510.
Salary: £7,009 pa rising to £8,821 pa.

Application form and job description from the District Personnel Department, St Mary's Hospital, Praed Street, London W2. Telephone 01-927 1675.
Closing date: April 2, 1985.

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

DEPUTY OFFICER-IN-CHARGE

RASC 4 £8,181-£8,919/9,477

Allenscre is a medium stay mixed unit for 16 adolescents displaying a range of emotional, social and behavioural problems.

A vacancy has occurred due to the Deputy of this unit leaving to have a baby.

The Deputy Officer-in-Charge position carries considerable managerial responsibility including assuming charge of the establishment in the absence of the Officer-in-Charge. The post involves guiding staff as well as all aspects of care and direct work with clients.

We are looking for a skilled worker to fill this difficult, demanding post. Experience, intelligence and tenacity preferably combined with a professional qualification are the key elements required for a person in this position.

The non-resident post has a regular sleeping-in requirement for which an appropriate allowance is payable. (Ref: R171).

Application forms and further details from the Head of Manpower Services, Civic Centre, Rochester Avenue, Bromley, BR1 3UH. Tel 01-290 0324 (24 hour answering service).

Closing date: April 4, 1985.

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL
GUILD OF UNDERGRADUATES
PANTO RAG COMMITTEE
requires a

RAG ORGANISER

To collect advertising for the 1986 Edition of the Liverpool Rag Mag and to help organise Panto Rag 1985

Salary £5,000 plus bonus

Offered from May 1, 1985 on a one year fixed-term contract initially, after which the renewal would be considered.

Applications, including a CV, should be sent by April 4, to: The Permanent Secretary and Bursar, University of Liverpool, Guild of Undergraduates, 9 Bedford Street, North, Liverpool L7 7BD. Informal inquiries can be made to Tarik Rafeen on 051-709 4744 Ext. 41.

WE ARE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER

TEMPORARY HOMELESS PERSONS OFFICER

required for 6 months to cover an officer on maternity leave. We can offer a salary pro rata to £8,396 a year, plus an essential user car allowance, and flexible working hours, full or part-time. Applicants must have knowledge of and familiarity with the needs of the homeless.

Potential applicants are invited to telephone Mrs Lorraine Dallas (Assistant Housing Manager) on Watford (0923) 26400, Ext. 385, for an informal discussion.

Applications in writing, giving age, qualifications, experience, and named of two referees should be sent to the Personnel & Management Services Officer, Town Hall, Watford WD1 3EX.

Closing date: April 1, 1985.

The Council is an Equal Opportunities Employer.

BOROUGH OF WATFORD

BRENT HEALTH AUTHORITY, Primary Care Unit. MEASLES CAMPAIGN WORKER. We are looking for someone with initiative and leadership, in order to promote the increased uptake of immunisations in the district, initially in respect of measles. The successful applicant will act as a resource for information, give specialist advice and will develop and maintain an effective communication system with colleagues in all disciplines. The post is available for one year and the salary will be on the scale £8,385-£10,079 per annum, inclusive of London Weighting. Application forms and job description available from Personnel Department, Primary Care Unit, Wembley Hospital, Fairview Avenue, Wembley, Middlesex HA0 4UH. Telephone 01-903 1333, ext. 3263. Closing date April 4, 1985. Brent Health Authority working for Equal Opportunities.

THIRD WORLD CHARITY seeks a site administrator for its Southampton Headquarters. Voluntary post (CSV target). Tel 0703 389697 for more information.

CAMBRIDGE HOUSE PROJECT FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

Cambridge House is a long-established multi-purpose voluntary organisation based in Camberwell. One of our major projects provides activities for the mentally handicapped in Southwark, and opportunities for their families to come together to pursue common interests.

We are looking for a suitably experienced

YOUTH WORKER

(Salary JNC scale 3H)

who will be responsible to a Management Committee for the development of a range of youth work services and informal education opportunities for mentally handicapped children and young people in Southwark. She/he will be expected to work in close partnership with the Community Worker already employed by the project.

Job descriptions and application forms are available from.

The Administrator,

MENTAL HANDICAP PROJECT

131 Camberwell Road
London SE5 0HF

Closing date for returned applications: Friday, April 12, 1985.

NORTH EAST THAMES REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE REGIONAL SCIENTIFIC OFFICER

Salary £7,000-£8,821 p.a. (inclusive of London Weighting)

An interesting and challenging post has arisen in our Regional Medical/Scientific Department which offers excellent experience in NHS administration at the highest level. The successful candidate will provide administrative support to the Regional Scientific Officer and the two Assistant Regional Scientific Officers in the exercise of their varied responsibilities.

The Department is in the process of setting up an electronic office with the latest computer technology and you will be expected to play a major role in the development, organisation and management of the systems. The post holder must possess excellent organising ability, competence in report writing, initiative and the capacity for hard work.

Previous work experience is desirable in the clerical/administrative field in the public sector. Ideally the post will suit a graduate with a general interest in a wide range of scientific services and technology although a scientific background is not necessary.

For an application form and job description contact the NETRHA Personnel Department, Room 203, 40 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 3QR. Tel. 01-262 6089 (24 hour service) quoting reference number G368.

Closing date: April 4, 1985.

London Borough of Tower Hamlets

Directorate of Development

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

£27,072 to £29,667 plus a travel allowance

The Director is the Council's principal adviser on the control, development and administration of the Council's Valuation, Architectural and Planning Services.

The person sought will be professionally qualified and will have extensive experience in a senior management position, will demonstrate organisational ability, sound judgement and the capacity and experience to undertake the overall control and co-ordination of the various services within this important inner London Borough. He/she will also possess the leadership qualities to co-ordinate and direct professionally qualified personnel.

In addition, as a full member of the Chief Executive's Management Team, the Director will be expected to make positive contribution to the corporate management of the Authority.

Applicants are considered on the basis of their suitability for the post, regardless of sex, racial origin, marital status, disablement or age.

Applications and further details from Personnel Services, Town Hall, Patriot Square E2 or telephone our answering service on 01-981 0077. Please quote ref 501017. Closing date April 15, 1985.

Moorfields Eye Hospital

GROUP MEDICAL RECORDS OFFICER

£8,446-£10,067 p.a. including LW (SAA grade)

We are looking for a mature man or woman to run our Medical Records Department which is currently on two sites, but soon to be amalgamated into one.

You will be working with a comprehensive computer and management information systems — previous experience not essential, but you must have leadership qualities and be able to train and motivate staff. Ideally you should be at least 25 years old.

New entrants to the NHS start on GAA grade for the first six months.

For job description and application form contact the Personnel Department, Moorfields Eye Hospital, City Road, London EC1V 2PD, telephone 01-251 8334 (answerphone). Closing date for receipt of application forms April 1, 1985.

MOORFIELDS EYE HOSPITAL

City Road, London EC1V 2PD

TRAINING OFFICER

£8,627 to £10,187 pa incl LW (Clinical Teacher Grade)

or £8,821 to £10,515 pa inc LW (SAA Grade)

to develop and maintain a multi-disciplinary training function.

This post would be suitable for either a Clinical Nurse Teacher or an Administrator. We are looking for someone with enthusiasm and the ability to initiate our in-service training programme. Teaching experience is desirable but not essential. The post will be for a fixed term period of 2 years in the first instance.

For an application form and job description please contact the Personnel Assistant at the above address or Tel (Answerphone) 01-251 8334. Closing date April 1, 1985.

London Borough of Southwark

Housing Department

ASSISTANT WELFARE OFFICER

£7,383 to £8,577 (scale 4)

Southwark Council is responsible for the management of a hostel in Bermondsey providing sleeping accommodation for over 150 single homeless men.

We require a person with experience of the single homeless and able to give advice and practical support to disadvantaged members of the community with a variety of social and welfare problems.

You will be required to work on a 7-day, 24-hour rota basis and be capable of dealing with a wide range of problems.

For further information please telephone Dave Helsby on 01-407 2120.

Southwark is an equal opportunity employer.

Applications are welcome from candidates regardless of sex or ethnic origin and from registered disabled persons. Telephone 01-701-2270 (24-hour answering service) any time for an application form, or write, on a postcard to: The Personnel Officer, London Borough of Southwark, 25 Commercial Way, London SE15 6DG.

Please quote reference G/6/5313 and job title.

Last date for receipt of completed application forms: April 10, 1985.

Social Services Department

MOBILITY OFFICER FOR THE BLIND

£8,181 - £8,919 p.a. inc.

A qualified Mobility Officer is required to work within the Specialist Services Division. The Mobility Officer whilst based within the Occupational Therapy Section, will collaborate closely with a team of Specialist Social Workers in assessing, advising and carrying out rehabilitation programmes for the visually handicapped. The successful candidate will also be required to provide training programmes for the visually impaired in day centres and in residential establishments and liaise with specialist agencies.

A car user allowance is payable.

For further information please contact Alie Findlay: 01-894 5544.

Forms from Director of Social Services, 42 York Street, Twickenham TW1 3LZ. Tel. 01-891 1411, extn. 243.

LONDON BOROUGH OF RICHMOND UPON THAMES
(an equal opportunity employer)

Sahara Leeds
Asian Women's Refuge

require the following

PROJECT WORKER
RESIDENT WARDEN

Sahara requires a Project Worker to take responsibility for work with young women. Salary will be on AP4 Scale (£7,524-£8,262). Also required is a Warden for our Young Women's Hostel. Free furnished accommodation (including fuel costs), and salary on parity with other workers is offered in return for living-in plus a few hours each day.

For both posts a knowledge of at least one of the following languages is essential Gujarati, Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi, Bengali.

For job description and further details please write to Sahara, PO Box 94, Leeds LS8 1DR. Or phone Leeds Federated Housing Association, on 0532 744544. Please indicate which post you are interested in. Closing date: April 4, 1985.

London Borough of Waltham Forest

COMMUNITY WORKER
Ethnic Minorities

£9,771—£11,373

Waltham Forest Social Services Department is trying to increase staff awareness of the needs of ethnic minority groups in the Borough. This new post is a crucial development.

The postholder will be responsible for making links with voluntary associations for ethnic minority groups. She/he will also be expected to offer advice to members of Area Teams seeking to identify and to meet the needs of ethnic minorities through community ventures. It is also expected that the worker will be required to advise Senior Managers on gaps in services to ethnic minority groups provided by the Social Services Department.

The postholder will be part of the Area Team located in East Walthamstow. The staff in the team are well aware of the need to improve contact with ethnic minority groups and to develop an understanding of their needs. In addition, because the Area Team is organised into Patches and because there is a Community Worker already in the team, there is considerable support and enthusiasm for work with community groups. The postholder is therefore assured of support and assistance from his/her colleagues. It is essential that applicants have some experience of community work (a professional qualification would be an advantage) and a good understanding of the work of a Social Services Department. The successful applicant will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the needs of ethnic minorities. Knowledge of Punjabi and/or Hindustani would be desirable.

For further information please tel. Geoff Costello or Charles Waddicor on 01-520 8141.

Please quote ref: P6689.

Application forms and futher details are obtainable from the Director of Social Services, Municipal Offices, High Road, Leyton E10 5QJ. Telephone 01-527 5544, ext 5211.

Closing date: April 12, 1985

An Equal Opportunity Employer.

London Borough of Harrow

DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND ADMINISTRATION

COMMITTEE ASSISTANT

Scale 4

£7,212 pa rising to £7,986 pa

This post provides a good opportunity to develop a career in Committee Administration.

The postholder will be one of a team servicing one or more of the Council's Committees. The work will involve the preparation of Agenda and Reports, attending meetings and preparing Minutes and other administrative work associated with the Committees.

Applicants should be under 35 years of age, preferably with some experience in Committee Administration and will have or be obtaining a Degree or other similar qualification.

The Closing Date for the return of the Application Forms is Thursday, April 4, 1985.

Application forms from Controller of Law & Administration, PO Box 2, Civic Centre, Station Road, Harrow. Tel No. 863 5611, ext 2327.

Harrow: An Equal Opportunity Employer.

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DIARY

IT WAS quite blatant and calculated. The two Davids of the Alliance, Steel and Dr Owen, decided at an early stage yesterday not to bother to reply to the Chancellor's budget on the floor of the House of Commons and to go straight on television instead. More exposure more quickly.

Archie Kirkwood, David Steel's long-standing advisor, was thus handed the opportunity to emerge from the shadows and give the Alliance response to the assembled MPs. Good for him, but where will it end? When the honourable members capitulate and let the cameras in, no doubt.

The Tories, however, were falling over themselves to book their places in the chamber yesterday by putting their prayer cards in the slots in the back of the seats — the first one is said to have been placed at 4.40 am by John Heddle, the man with Heseltine hair who drove the wrong way down the M6 one night. Dennis Canavan and Dennis Skinner, like terrible twins, put their cards on the front bench seats normally used by the SDP, but the full effect of this wheeze was rather spoilt by Dr Owen's desertion to the bright lights.

BRACE yourselves, members of the Clive Ponting jury. The Union of Liberal Students has elected the lot of you as one of its vice-presidents and will be soon sending you your credentials.

THE RESIDENTS of Amersham may find this hard to swallow, but the lush hills that surround them are the inspiration for the "green revolution" which Colonel Gadafy envisages for Libya. In a forthcoming Channel 4 programme, he confides that the beauty of the Chilterns has haunted him ever since his officer training in this country.

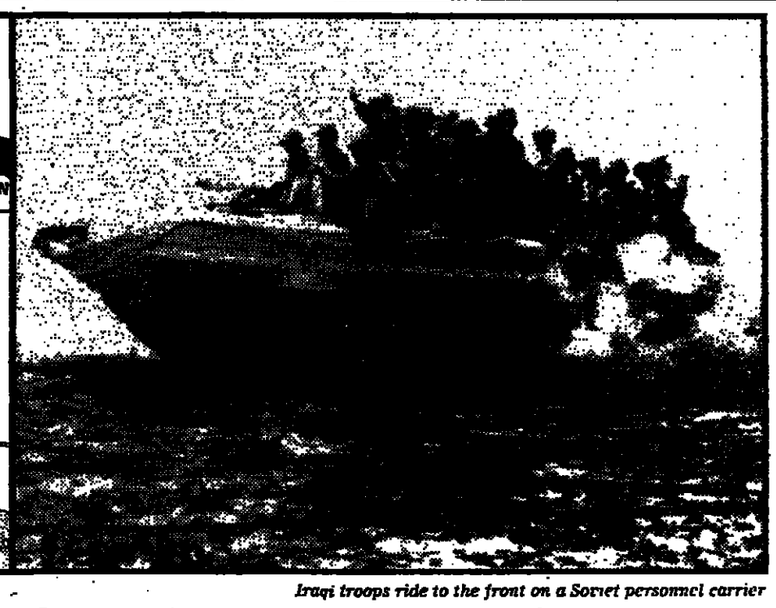
THE British Telecom security code manual, issued to staff, makes the following point: "The telephone is vulnerable to eavesdropping and interception and is not a secure means of communication. Caution must therefore be exercised when it is necessary to discuss sensitive matters on the telephone. Conversations should be in guarded terms." There you have it from the horse's mouth.

IT WILL be interesting to see whether the whips from all parties in the House of Lords, who put their heads together to decide the order of speakers, will put Labour peer Lord Hatch high on the list for this afternoon's debate on the Official Secrets Act.

Lord Hatch is the only known Belgrano freak in the Upper House and wants to use the debate to explore one of the unanswered questions of the saga — what exactly was the role of Lord Thomas, the Spanish-speaking Tory peer who is director of the Centre for Policy Studies, in the attempts by the United States and Peru to reach a peaceful settlement on the weekend of May 1 and 2, when the Belgrano was torpedoed? Even his own side has been discouraging such boat-rocking plans.

LED by Andrew Smith, the stick insect, and Huw Shooter, hero of the Brighton beach raid on the CND submarine, a delegation from the Young Monday Club has just gone to Washington for a Young Republican Leadership Conference. The plan is to forge links between the two organisations, and to have a meeting with Senator Jesse Helms, the man who long ago fell off the map of American right-wing politics. Smith has dropped his pinstriped look and now affects a combat jacket and dark glasses, saying the press drove him to it.

Stephen Cook



Iraqi troops ride to the front on a Soviet personnel carrier

ALEX BRUMMER examines the US attitude towards a war in which it is officially neutral

Why America 'tilts' towards Iraq

THE renewed intense fighting in the Gulf War, has left the Reagan Administration bemused and disturbed. Despite its professed neutrality in the five-year-old conflict, there is little doubt that the US fears the Ayatollah Khomeini and the forces of fundamentalism he has unleashed throughout the Muslim world far more than president Saddam Hussein.

Hussein the Iraqi strongman who once publicly hung Jews, led the Arab boycott of Egypt after the Camp David accords, and is disdained by his own people for the pyschological control he has sought to establish, is these days seen in Washington as an almost sympathetic figure.

The American flag, which was only fit for burning in Baghdad just a short time ago, now flies over the river Tigris for the first time in 17 years. The US Export-Import bank and US oil companies are rushing to provide financial help for Baghdad's oil pipeline projects, and King Hussein of Jordan and President Mubarak, the ultimate in Arab moderates, feel comfortable making unannounced swoops on the Iraqi capital.

In effect US neutrality in the Gulf War is wafer thin. The US is disturbed about the new violence in the Gulf not just because of the loss of life and the threat to shipping but because its new friend Iraq—despite what one official called "overwhelming superiority" in weaponry—continues to find itself on the defensive. Although it has sophisticated armoury, provided by both East and West, and although it receives a lifeline of finance from the oil rich Gulf states, Iraq still doesn't seem competent to defend itself.

It is this self-destructive attitude which bemuses a Reagan Administration which believes that firepower is the answer to everyone's problems. While Iran had managed to establish a crucial bridgehead on the strategic road from Basra to Baghdad—which could threaten the stability of Saddad Hussein's regime—Iraqi forces have only made casual resistance. The wish to conserve the lives and equipment of their forces has made Hussein's armies a paper-tiger in the face of Iran's ferocious human wave attacks.

What is most remarkable about the Iranian gains is that they have been achieved without the benefit of air cover against a vastly better equipped Iraqi air force. Iran's gutted American-supplied air equipment was virtually knocked out of the war as an attacking tool when Saudi Arabia shot a pair of its fighters out of the air last year. This seemed to suggest that with the aid of the American Awacs (the advanced radar and reconaissance plane), the remnant of Iran's air force is now only useful for the suicide attacks which it has been practising in territorial waters.

US military analysts and officials believe that Iran has very little left of the strong, well equipped airforce of the pre-Ayatollah days. Its flight of some 90 operational F-4 fighter aircraft before the Gulf conflict is down to 25, similarly the number of operational F-5's has dropped from an estimated 165 to 30, while the pride of the Iranian airforce, its 77 F-14 fighters, may be down five or perhaps ten.

The comfort, for the West and the Gulf states, is that however well Iran is doing on the road to Baghdad it must be seriously doubted whether it any longer has the power to block the Gulf's oil shipping lanes or refineries from the air. In contrast Iraq has more flying power than it appears able or willing to use. In total it has an estimated 500 operational combat aircraft as well as some 320 helicopters.

These include 25 MiG-25s, 200 MiG-21s, 80 MiG-23Bs, Mirage F-1s and all Egypt's Soviet built bombers. In addition France had the good grace to provide Iraq with five Super-Etendards, equipped with air-to-ship Exocet missiles. Baghdad still has the power to cause mass havoc in the gulf and in Iran if Saddam Hussein were to unleash his airpower. Although analysts here have some lingering suspicions that Iraqi reluctance to do this has something to do with Saddam Hussein's fears about the loyalty of parts of his airforce.

Nevertheless, as the latest Iranian ground offensive shows, the Ayatollah's forces have not been intimidated by the Iraq's better equipped air force and armies, nor by the support it has been getting from both West and East. Even "outlaw" states such as Iran are not without friends in the world. US officials say that Iran is on the end of a supply line for equipment which includes countries such as North Korea, Libya, as well as Syria. The remnants of the Arab rejectionist cause stick together.

It is worth noting however that while Iran may be getting supplies from states friendly to the Kremlin, it is not getting the kind of sophisticated equipment which Iraq has received. Furthermore, there is a general belief in Washington that Moscow has no interest in seeing Iran's empire extended in the region.

The Russians who historically have not been afraid to move into Iranian territory appear to have had their fill of islamic guerrillas in Afghanistan. Mr Gorbachev's blunt remarks to President Zia in the aftermath of the Chernenko funeral was an indication of the deep-seated Kremlin worries about the manpower and financial drain of its occupation in Afghanistan.

It is through its ability to put together a huge effective army, which can conduct fairly difficult military operations in ugly conditions — such as the marshes where the battles are being fought — which has given Iran the current edge. On paper the two sides are not that far apart in manpower despite the reputation of the Iranian forces for attacking in human waves.

Experts in Washington estimate that Iran has around half-a-million men deployed, while Iraq has 380,000 to 400,000 troops under arms. While Iran has superiority on this score it is not the kind of flood of manpower required to overwhelm Iraq on several fronts — if Iraqi troops are fully used. However, the suspicion in Washington is that Baghdad's refusal to risk wholesale slaughter has moved the odds in Iran's favour.

The real worry here is that having caught Iraq napping, Iran will build on its bridgehead and push up the road to Baghdad — to the point where the Iranian forces would become a seriously destabilising threat to the region and would push the forces of moderation back on the retreat. Iraq is thought to be exhausted by the conflict having burned up 25 billion dollars of borrowing from other Arab countries, emptied its reserves, and seen its oil production and Opec quotas cut.

Perhaps the most hopeful aspect of the stalemate is that the Gulf War has shown the superpowers behaving with restraint. The US has pointed out to Moscow that its narrow role is to keep the shipping lanes open to the West (even this is becoming less of a priority given the oil glut) and has no territorial ambitions in the region. The Russians for their part have shown little inclination to stir the pot. But if Iran were to surprise the experts and gain a genuine upper-hand, there is no guessing which way the conflict might spread.

Piles of lira for the sinking city

GEORGE ARMSTRONG reports from Venice

THE VENICE authorities have £182,400,000 to spend on Venice and the other lagoon islands before the end of this calendar year. In 1986 they will have an additional £91 millions, and Parliament has promised more to come if the first allotment of 600 billion lira is spent and spent wisely.

On February 18, Rome's minister of public works signed the first construction contracts with the "Venezia Nuova" consortium of 27 major companies of international reputation. After five and a half years of bureaucratic delays and nit-picking by political parties, what may be the "last chance" to save Venice, in the several pertinent meanings of the word "save," something seems likely to materialise. Wheels are in motion and the lira to oil the wheels is in good supply.

Venice is to become, always in its own unique way, a kind of boomtown, with vast conservation work going on everywhere and major new engineering feats going on in and around the lagoon.

The one project which interests, perhaps fascinates, the general public both here in Venice and abroad, is the one which calls for the construction of three mobile dams across the three sea-water entries to the Venetian lagoon.

These dams will consist of a row of metal cylinders 20 metres tall which will lie in cushions on the lagoon bed in normal times, but which will be made to rise (the same principal as the submarine) and form a dam when exceptionally high tides are predicted.

Forecasts of these "high waters" is now so scientific that Venice's two morning papers tell their readers when they are to arrive and the height of the lagoon level above the mean. These "high waters" cause immense damage to the city's lower areas (St Mark's being one), but the mobile dams, which probably will not be completed for another 10 years are designed only to diminish the "high waters." They wil be of no avail in case of a flood such as that of 1966 when St Mark's was under six feet of water.

Work has already begun on reinforcing the sea walls on the Adriatic side of the lagoon, such as along the lido. This had priority because once the mobile dams are in operation the sea's force against the one-time sandbars will be immense. The next step, for later this year, will be to build breakwaters at the three entries to the lagoon, but on the Venice side of where the mobile dams will be placed.

The visitor may well ask why a stone wall two feet high can't be built along all the city's canals. Venice's deputy mayor, Mr Paolo Cacciari, a Communist, has a quick answer. "We have to think of aesthetics. One can't alter Venice's appearance that drastically," he says. Besides, Venice has 177 canals.

Mr Cacciari speaks instead of a project which would cause the stone pavements along the edge of the Grand Canal to rise up and form a three-feet barrier against the high tidal waters. Anyone interested since childhood in hidden doors and secret traps should like this scheme — which Mr Hermes Redi, of the Venezia Nuova consortium, confirmed as being feasible and under serious consideration. A cushion mechanism would be placed beneath the stones (their present weight being reduced) which would cause them to rise up as high as four and a half feet.

These mobile stone flanks would be set back 30 inches from the permanent pavement which actually is lapped by the lagoon water. As the stone barriers rise, a diaphragm would rise with them to keep water from reaching the mechanism.

Venice has no sewerage system in the usual urban sense. Everything which goes down the bath or kitchen drain is not carried miles away in pipes, but ulitmately goes into one of the small canals which pour eventually into the Grand Canal. It could also be said that Venice has the best natural sewer system in the world — which once was true in fact and now only in theory. The smaller canals, to function in that role, must be regularly dredged, which has not been done, it is admitted, "in 20 or maybe 30 years." The city has set aside £3 million for what it calls the "excavation" of the 177 minor canals.

The city has a vast, articulated plan for turning ex-convents into blocks of flats and for direct subsidising (from 50 to 80 per cent) the restoration of privately owned houses.

Restoration, of course, does not only mean the crumbling facade or leaking roof. It means installation of modern plumbing and central heating. If the dwelling is to be let, it must go to a Venice resident or one whose major work is in Venice. This "restoration" could stop the flow of younger Venetian couples to the mainland and, incidentally, reduce the pressure on public transport when they must return each day to their jobs in Venice.

Will the "last chance" do the trick for the city which is itself almost a work of magic?

PETER FIDDICK on the media warlords

Superdog eats superdog

ONE OF the most significant pointers to the future of the British media is to be found on the back page of the Daily Mirror earlier this year. As the negotiations between the Football League and the television networks for next season's contract seemed to near a compromise, the clubs had turned the deal down.

And, as the Mirror's man reported in a backpage exclusive, they had been swayed by the arguments of the owner of Oxford United, that the networks' offer was not enough, and that more in the future might be earned by selling soccer to cable television. The Mirror's sports sleuth was at pains to point out that his leak had not come from the owner of Oxford United, Mr Robert Maxwell.

Mr Maxwell also owns, as of last July, the Mirror and its sister newspapers. Evidently he would not have leaked details of a confidential soccer deal to his own newspaper. Besides, two years before his midnight coup in buying the Mirror group, Mr Maxwell had also taken a stake in the new Midlands ITV company, Central, which is also a party to the tv-soccer deal.

But at around the same time, Mr Maxwell had also bought into one of the pioneers of pay-television, the cable company SelectTV. And since then, in the move that could yet rival the Mirror acquisition in media-power significance (but cost one-tenth of the price), he completed 1984 by buying the cable networks of one of the two major corporations in the UK's fledgling business, Rediffusion.

In which context, the Daily Mirror exclusively revealed the powerful argument of the owner of Oxford United as to the advantages of selling soccer coverage not to the BBC and ITV, but to cable.

Then, this month, on Monday, March 4, the Daily Mirror, assuming the role of champion of the Queen's privacy, ran an editorial ostensibly linked to the now famous indiscretion of the Times newspaper's Labour correspondent, but very quickly going on to chastise the BBC for broadcasting the comments on radio ("They must have realised that they were bound to embarrass the Queen") and roundly concluding: "The Government is right to be thinking very hard whether the BBC should continue to be financed at the expense of the viewing and listening public.

And last Saturday, the centre spread of the Mirror's weekend television section was devoted to a feature headed: "The World At The Touch Of A Button." Its subject: cable television. And in particular, the joys available to subscribers to Rediffusion Cablevision: "Britain's biggest cable firm owned by Mirror Group publisher Robert Maxwell."

Robert Maxwell is the latest and brashest of the new-style media tycoons. In Britain, he is the biggest: he now owns the greater part of the country's contract printing capacity, more than one-third of its popular newspaper circulation, the biggest extant cable system and its technical research division, plus the share in Central Independent Television picked up in the aftermath of the 1980 franchise carnage.

But he is not without rivals. Mr Rupert Murdoch is the biggest worldwide, having come from Australia and taken a rather different course. In Britain, his News International empire owns the Times, Sunday Times, Sun and News Of The World. Last week he announced plans for a new London evening newspaper, the Post with aspirations to 24-hour national coverage. He is building a new printing centre in the Isle of Dogs.

And he also controls one of the five British-based programme services already beaming television programmes up to the satellites for use by such cable systems across Europe, as are equipped to take them. Murdoch's Sky channel has greatly expanded its programming since he recapitalised it, and today offers a wider selection of recycled US television series and old movies than ever. As cable spreads through Europe, Britain included, this will be an important strategic base in the new markets.

The media baron is not a new phenomenon. The Rothermere, Chartwell, and even Thomson titles now testify to their title in 20th century Britain, and others — Maxwell, or David Stevens of United Newspapers — are already in the line, if not the House.

But what is new, and more powerful than ever, in the 1980s is the international, multi-media, dimension. Robert Murdoch's US empire is now even more startling than his British one, from the yellow end of the New York press to Village Voice. This month has made the transatlantic dimension manifest at a new level, as the Australian tycoon announced he will publish not just an American edition of a famous French title, Elle, but a British one too — and launch it on the back of his Sunday Times Magazine.

Almost in the same breath, we learnt that Maxwell, whose eye had clearly been on the Murdoch model from the start, has now set up his first New York publishing arm. Meanwhile, United Newspapers has been buying massively into the US publishing scene.

And that scene, too, is changing faster than ever. The takeover of one of the three major US commercial television networks, ABC, announced on Monday, would five years ago have been a shattering event. In 1985, it was a question of which would go first, and this week's 3.5 billion dollar deal is actually seen as a protective move, against the prowlers from other corporations.

Even deals such as United Newspapers' latest are habitually in the hundreds of millions of dollars range, and takeover fever is such that already huge empires — like Time Life—are selling out of other areas to raise the cash to get deeper and wider into the media.

The show rolls on. This week's edition of Broadcast, the industry's trade weekly, refers both to a Times "campaign" against the BBC — it has run five anti-licence-fee editorials this year along with some bloodthirsty reporting to surprise even Fleet Street — and to speculation that Robert Maxwell is about to buy the major share in one of the only two cable feature film channels.

The Times, the Mirror, last week Lord Matthews' Daily Star, have all come out strongly against the case for increase in the British television licence fee with the Times explicitly arguing that the BBC should be broken up and its commercially viable chunks sold off. At this moment, of all the major plums in the Western world's explosively expanding media market, the BBC is the only one the new-style barons cannot buy.

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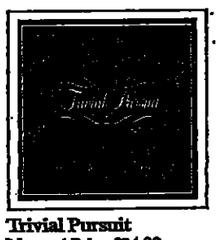

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Valerie Wise. Picture by Frank Martin

Valerie Wise, chair of the Greater London Council's women's committee, continues our series

Joking apart, I could cry

LIKE MANY feminists, I am frequently accused of not having a sense of humour, a jibe usually intended to belittle what we say or do. The most recent attack against me was made by the artist Tomi Ungerer when I had part of his art exhibition at the GLC Royal Festival Hall closed down because it was pornographic. Drawings and sculptures showing women in bondage, in positions of sexual degradation and poses which suggest sexual mutilation are no joke.

A few weeks earlier, however, when I made a joke about roses the media took me seriously and suddenly I found that I had called roses racist and sexist, when actually I had asked a tongue-in-cheek council question of the chair of the GLC's arts and recreation committee. As a consequence, I found myself on the front page of the Standard, the first item on independent radio's six o'clock news, and in local papers from Belfast to Plymouth. The media didn't believe I could make a joke.

Well, I can, and I can also laugh at myself, which I think came as a shock to many of the staff and representatives of the media who were present at the GLC pantomime Ken Whittington and his Cat. This was a hilarious send up of political life in London, under the banner of Keep GLC working for Christmas, in which I bore an uncanny resemblance to Mrs Thatcher, complete with permed blonde wig, grey suit and blue rosette. I delivered a eulogy to the absent Denis, and sang, or rather mimed, to Tammy Wynette's Stand By Your Man. The audience loved it. So did I.

Usually, however, I'm regarded as a serious person because I take my work seriously. I'm often teased by my colleagues at County Hall and while at times I find this tiresome, I know they wouldn't do it if they thought I didn't have a sense of humour. Having a sense of humour is vital for my job, otherwise I wouldn't be able to cope with all the pressures that I constantly face as chair of the GLC's Women's Committee.

My job consists of a 55-60 hour week. I can be in County Hall 10 or 12 hours a day, speak at meetings several evenings a week and sometimes on Saturdays too. I have a standing joke with my husband, Keith, that Sundays are when we make a date to see each other — although I have to admit I frequently have to break our dates.

With this kind of lifestyle it would be all too easy to get really wound up. Of course, sometimes I am, but it helps when I find something I can laugh at because it releases the tension which builds up. Life at County Hall, in spite of what the media might say, isn't a bundle of laughs. If I didn't laugh at some of the things that have happened, or are supposed to have happened according to the media, I would have ended up in tears.

During the Women's Committee's struggle to change attitudes at County Hall, I've sometimes had to laugh at some of the attempts by officers to bring in a women's perspective. For example, a report on the EEC Trade Marks Office had the following paragraph on implications for women:

"The Trade Marks Office would be staffed by some 200 employees and it is hoped a substantial proportion of these would be recruited locally. The nature of these jobs (office work, cleaning, catering) makes it likely that many would be filled by women."

When I read this I had to laugh, as indeed did my colleagues, because this is not what we intend when we ask for a report to include a paragraph on the implications for women.

Although I'm not a person who can make jokes when they speak at public meetings I can be ironic in my speeches and find this gets the audience laughing and on my side.

In what little there is of my private life, the sort of entertainment that makes me laugh are films like "9 to 5" and television programmes like "It'll be alright on the night," which features blunders that have been made in the making of other programmes. I'm not too keen on the programme "Spitting Image," but then that's maybe because when I tune in I'm afraid I'll find I'm their next political puppet!

Tomorrow, Mary Stott, who edited Guardian Women from 1957 to 1972, publishes the second part of her autobiography. She talks here to Sarah Green, who won the 1984 Guardian Student Journalist of the Year award

The formative years

AS A young woman just entering the world of the media, I was ready to listen, when Mary Stott, more than 60 years a journalist, 15 of them as the Guardian Women's editor, said: "I have something to say."

Before I Go (Virago, price £4.50), Mary Stott's sequel to her autobiography Forgetting's No Excuse, is a series of concise observations of today's social, political and media worlds. A lot has changed since she wrote that first book in 1973, not often for the better. As an example she says many newspapers now go in for "sensational sex / violence / royalty stories and gossip paragraphs to a quite nauseating degree."

This is not the kind of journalism that she knew between 1957 and 1972 when she was editing Guardian Women. In those days, articles informed; there were clear limits to those things it was legitimate to write about and those that definitely were not. She cites the examples of cheque book journalism to make her point.

She believes newspaper journalism is on the decline, except for those papers which cater for people who want to read, not watch television. The more hours the box puts out, the fiercer the competition for Fleet Street tabloids, with the loss of good taste or ethics.

Editing Guardian Women through the sixties was very different. As a committed feminist, Mary led Guardian readers through the rise of the women's movement. Through the correspondents to the Women's page, she helped initiate a number of feminist organisations. In 1970, she became a founder member of Women In Media, which helped to bring the Sex Discrimination Act into being.

Guardian Women was intended to be a campaigning page. It was a forum for ideas. One instance was the heated debate about whether or not women should go back to work after having children. "There simply wouldn't be such a discussion today — they all go back to work," she said.

The comment was not meant to be altogether approving; but this was the direction her readers led her, whatever her own opinions. "I was always one step ahead of the readers; the whole idea was to put thoughts into people's minds, not tell them what to think."

Mary was in control of a page that had the reputation of influencing women's thoughts during the days of the burning bra in 1968 yet long before that Guardian Women, and the periodical Time and Tide, made Mary a feminist. Madeleine Linford, founder of Guardian Women (then called Mainly Women) had a profound effect on her ideas too. "She was very shy and reserved, but she influenced an awful lot of people," Mary said.

Men's consciousness, as well as women's, needs to be raised

Before I Go has a lot to say about today's brands of feminism. Mary Stott's were the days of the gradualist, the woman who fought through the courts and Parliament to bring about changes. "Trads," as she calls these feminists, were not aiming to alter the structure of society or exclude men from their lives. She doesn't want a revolution and she believes a woman's place is "on her own ground — and that's next to men."

This is not to say that she has no time for the Libs, the radical and socialist feminist movement that rose while she was fighting for equal opportunities at the BBC and for equal pay.

She calls herself a Trad-Lib and still believes there's a long way to go before women cease to be second-class citizens; but she believes the lack of unity and central organisation among today's young feminists is holding back "The Cause". She is distressed by the Trad-Lib split and feels that separatism is misguided. "I don't believe that the mind has a gender, so how can I feel that politics has a gender?" she said.

That view has led to what she sees as her most important belief: that we should be moving towards androgyny, an erasing of the culturally-created differences between men and women. The rise of Boy George and recent men's/boys' fashions for women may be indications that this is happening. But it is unlikely that the Libs will see it that way and this saddens her. "Men are half of the human race, after all," she said. The argument that women must separate themselves from men until they are in a position to contend on an equal footing doesn't impress her. Men's consciousness as well as women's need to be raised.

Her reflections on the family and party politics are critical too. Though she approves of the disappearance of the stigma attached to illegitimacy, single parent families, she thinks broken homes of various sorts bode ill. Parents have become too selfish these days, leaving children to suffer. Women who choose not to have children at all don't know what they are missing. Here the gap between the multi-racial and complex world I was raised in and her's became clearest. The days when it was believed that there was such a thing as a normal family are not in my memory, whereas she notes its disappearance with some regret.

Politics has also altered. Because of television, the politician with the best image usually wins. Mary wishes that "sincerity, quaint as that may sound" could return to politics. The sentiment is one that she realises is alien to today's MPs, but that doesn't stop her stating it, just as she never hesitated in putting forward contentious ideas when writing for the Guardian. Mary Stott's contribution to journalism and the cause of women cannot be counted, though Before I Go stretches some way towards showing the effect she had.

She believes, as she says in the chapter Going Where?, that dying is not the end. Life for her is a kind of electricity that unites all people's minds and when hers is finally "switched off," the electricity will still be there: "It just won't operate out of that outlet," she said.

Mary Stott and Suzanne Lowry will discuss "Women's Pages we have known, and their future" today at 1-2 pm at the Virago Bookshop, 34 Southampton St, London WC2.

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AMERICAN DIARY

Linda Blandford

"DEATH came and went that day and the next. It touched the young fighters' eyes and blinded them; touched their legs, hands and entire arms, and severed them; whispered in their ears and deafened them; unbuttoned their shirts, and their bowels tumbled forth, trembling; stroked their short hair, setting it on fire. And others burned down below in the crags, burned and burned like candles, like young pines in a firestorm . . ." — Stratis Haviaras, The Heroic Age.

ON MONDAY, Greek National Day, Mr Haviaras, curator of the venerable Poetry Room at Harvard, will read his own work at the Poetry Centre at the 92nd Street Y to the knowing New York crowd. It will be a prestigious occasion — the greatest writers of the century have read here and Haviaras, nearly 50, is a distinguished academic and novelist. With his reading spectacles, tweed jacket and black lace-up shoes with a hole in the bottom, he is a deceptively gentle literary figure.

On Monday, too, his second novel, The Heroic Age, appears in Britain. Briefly, it is the story of his own boyhood during the civil war in Greece and has had extraordinary reviews in America. "It is my life but it is also my art taking over that life. Real life never completes its stories — it is overwritten, underdeveloped and, what's more, unfinished. Art, writing, makes an event of an occurrence and finishes it properly."

The art came slowly; there was no formal schooling until he put himself through a correspondence degree course in his thirties in America. He is an unlikely academic: he joined Harvard as an order clerk, unpacking parcels of books in the library basement.

"When I was 14 in Greece," he recalls, "and worked as a manual labourer on a construction site, and wanted to read books and couldn't, I went to the wonderful National Library with its beautiful marble columns — and I was kicked out. So when they made me curator at Harvard, I said: "We must open our collection to anyone in the community to use — we must share it. So that thing must have been at the back of my mind ever since."

Many things were at the back of his mind: his father who was executed by the Nazis, his mother who was sent to a concentration camp in Germany, the Occupation, death, hunger, civil war. His grandfather, who had survived two massacres in Asia Minor, who had twice been left destitute and a refugee, finally died of starvation during the war.

His grandmother was alone in the tiny village, Nea Kios, carved out of malarial and barren swamp by the refugees from Turkey. It was she who kept the boy and his younger sister, who stood guard against destruction, slaughter and "the breakdown of each and every person, when it was just each soul on its own," as he puts it.

"My grandmother was a remarkable character, both pagan and Christian. I still mourn for her — it was as though she was naturally aware of the forces of good and evil. And such generosity: I remember when I came home and my feet without shoes were freezing from the cold and the ice, she would wash them and put them in her bosom, the warmest spot she had. My mother? she disappeared at a vital time, we never reconnected when she came back in '47.

"My father was mythologised, he never returned to that kind of reality. The only moving memory I have of my mother is of her sitting there on New Year's Day: we had nothing to eat, my father was in prison, she was in tears. She didn't know any more how to bring up children, the times were so heinous."

They moved to Athens, to hide in the slums of a big city. In the civil war, terror was more acute in the small village for those on the losing side. Haviaras went to work on a building site: "I earned very little but enough to support my grandmother, my mother, my sister." He was 12: he worked in construction for 20 years, working his way up from nightwatchman to painter, electrician to draughtsman. "I aways knew I wanted to write but manual labour exhausts you. I didn't have the time, I didn't have the freedom: I had no peers, no books. But by the time I was 30, I was able to live as a draughtsman, to write in my free hours. That was my life."

Stratis Haviaris. Picture by Shyla Irving

He wrote plays, poetry, newspaper essays. When he felt the tension of change, the coming of the junta, he spoke out and wrote against its threat. When the colonels took over, when friends and associates were picked up — he left with his American wife, an architect.

Those first years in Boston were hard: the marriage broke up under the strain. "It was not only the homesickness, the differences, the new language, it was my future — what would I do? Then I resolved it: I was not going to be an emigre for ever. I will try to do the best I can to spread my roots in order that I do not miss one day of my life expecting that I would be the next day in Greece."

Apparent Death, his third book of poetry, was the last he wrote in Greek. His first novel, When The Tree Sings, was nominated for the American Book Awards — which must have surprised certain stuffier authorities at Harvard.

His promotion was rapid; he is now responsible for all the contemporary poetry that finds its way into the Harvard library. He lives with another librarian and has a three-year-old daughter, Elektra.

"It wasn't an easy thing, still trying to reconcile wounds from my own childhood with trying to produce a new candidate for a similar experience," he says of her. "I adore my daughter. I would die for her. Of course I am frightened what is to become of her.

"We are all hopeless. There are people who actually believe the world can be free from pain, from death, from poverty. They are crazy. Destruction — and even those atrocities and extremities — they are all part of life. They have always been part of it. But they cannot stop us. Have I forgiven? I forgave when I understood that the exercise of evil is never, never a plain, simple thing. It is something rooted in human nature, in the humanity we all share.

"It can go either way. And having gone through it and having survived, I see that there is something I have gained — quest, knowledge, being able to understand other peoples' destitution and predicaments.

"Writing and talking of the past helps too. It has a healing effect. It transforms the experience into art and heals the evil from my soul." And we are all its beneficiaries.

The Heroic Age is published on Monday by Methuen, price £8.95

Msprint

MALE violence against women (principally rape) has always existed. Yet it is only in the last decade that serious research has been carried out into its cause.

Three paperbacks have recently been published on this subject. **Women Against Violence Against Women** edited by Dusty Rhodes and Sandra McNeill (Onlywomen Press, £4.95.) is the most readable and many women will find something in the pages which they can relate to. It contains papers from three recent feminist conferences about male violence and consists of varied, personal statements, some written by women's groups and others by individual women.

A number of these take the form of social surveys and others are reappraisals of the law and medical establishments. Although not providing specific answers, women who have experienced male violence will feel less isolated by reading this and perhaps more able to come to terms with their own feelings. It also contains some very useful addresses of support and action groups for further help

Perspectives on Rape & Sexual Assault, edited by June Hopkins (Harper & Row £4.95) approaches the subject differently. It allows both women and men (most of them academics) from opposite sides of the Atlantic to give their findings and views — in a short essay.

Treatment of victims and assailants is their chief concern. The most pertinent one is written by a retired New York City policeman who after dealing with 15,000 rape cases in the Sex Crimes Analysis Unit, trained officers in the handling of rape cases.

Other essays are by experts in criminology, psychiatry, psychology and sociology.

Sexual Exploitation by Diana E. H. Russell, the Sage Library of Social Research, £14, covers rape, child sexual abuse and workplace harassment. Much more concerned with statistics, it is still based on real life experiences. Diana Russell has carried out very detailed research in San Francisco into the causes of sexual exploitation.

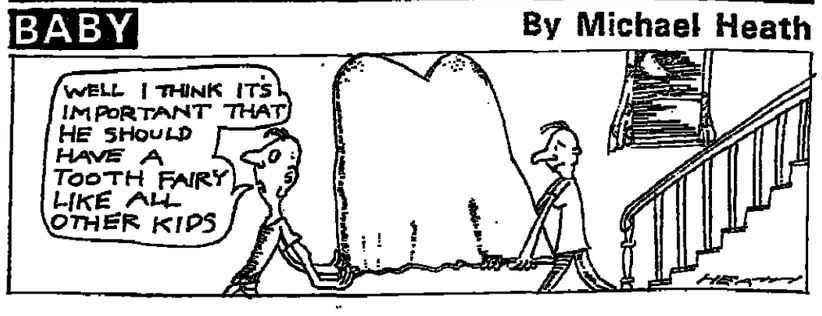
Although based in California, the observations and findings can also be applied to this country. It draws the frightening conclusion that the majority of women in San Francisco undergo at least one of these forms of sexual assault at some time in their lives; and the problem reverberates through the lives of those surrounding the victim, so even more people become affected by it.

Diana Russell's theory is that until the dangerous consequences of the whole concept of masculine behaviour is recognised and changed the violence will not be stopped. The way in which this culture defines masculinity predisposes men to rape, sexually harass and often to sexually abuse children.

All three books reach the conclusion that rape . . . not only the unleashing of male desire, but also the end product of the articulation of what it means to be manly or masculine — a social act, rather than a biological drive. Fortunately, this concept is something which can be changed. They are all of the opinion that male violence is sociologically conditioned. And just in case anyone wants to put forward the genetic argument, then as Janet Radcliffe Richards says, as quoted in **Perspectives on Rape and Sexual Assault**: "Suppose that men are naturally dominant because of the miraculous testosterone . . . it does not follow that they ought to run everything. Their being naturally dominant might be an excellent reason for imposing special restrictions to keep their nature under control."

Pauline Willis

BABY By Michael Heath



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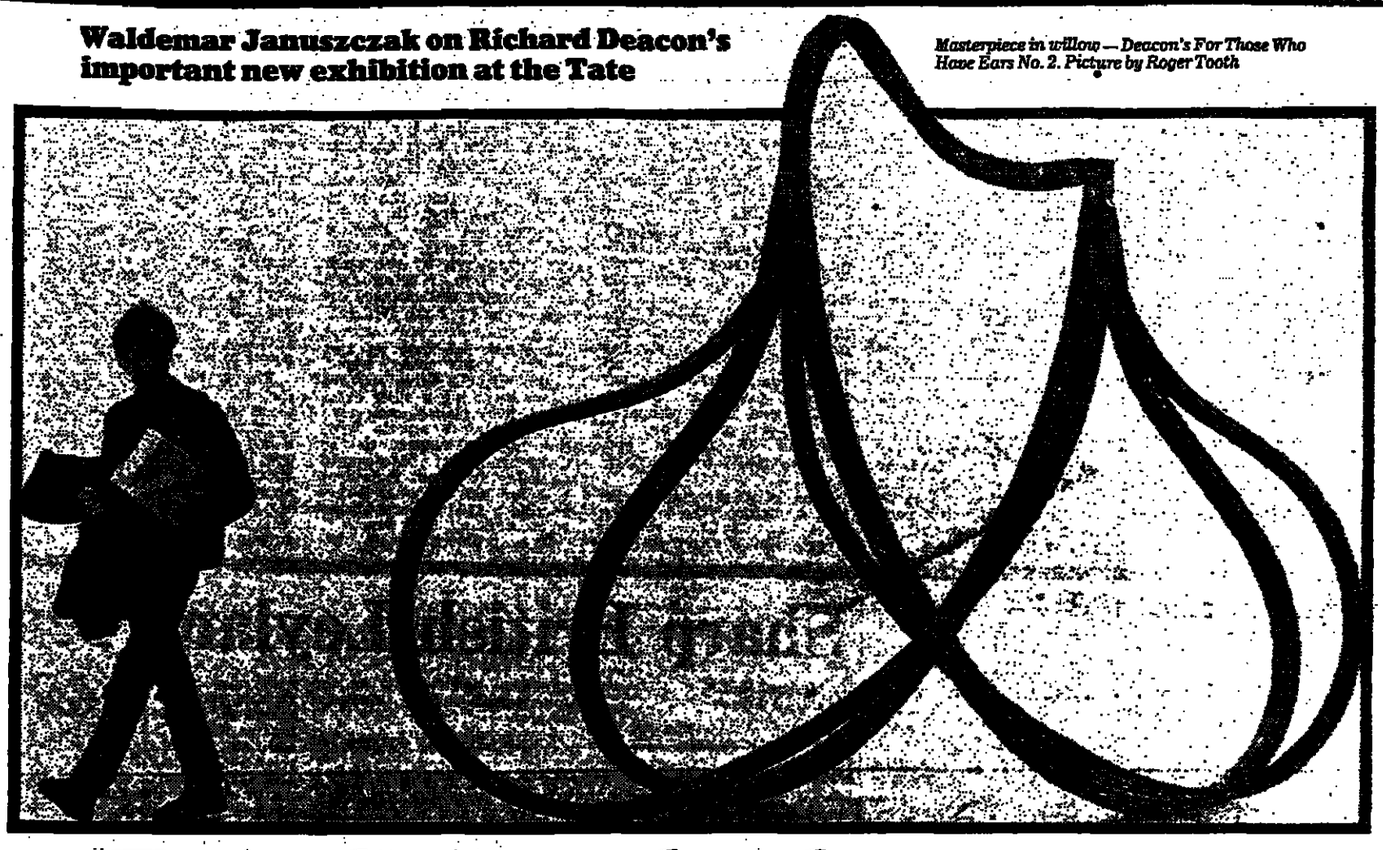
Waldemar Januszczak on Richard Deacon's important new exhibition at the Tate



Masterpiece in willow — Deacon's For Those Who Have Ears No. 2. Picture by Roger Tooth

For those who have eyes

THE FIRST work you see when you enter a small collection of Richard Deacon's sculpture at the Tate Gallery is called Falling On Deaf Ears, an impish title which makes you speculate about the sculpture's exact meaning. From then on that exact meaning eludes your grasp, like a rabbit teasing you with the bobbing whiteness of its tail. It keeps showing itself and then disappearing.

The work is made of galvanised steel and resembles the front end of a Venetian gondola, the prow of which has come rearing out of the water like a cobra. Behind this rearing prow is a seed-pod shape which, in this case doubles for the gondola's cabin, curtains drawn, inside which I initially imagined a pair of unseen lovers locked in a Rodin-like embrace. It turned out I was wrong to do so but at least I had noticed the strong smell of sex that hangs about this work.

Deacon's sculpture is like that. It encourages interpretation, much of it fanciful and Freudian, all of it enjoyable. His art explores that fertile no-man's land between abstraction and figuration.

The five works in this exhibition remind you of seashells and old agricultural equipment, lobster pots, and those delightfully precious eighteenth-century scientific instruments that come in their own velvet-lined boxes, battleships, and, inevitably, sexual organs, depending on which piece you are looking at and from which angle.

But I am doing him an enormous disservice in suggesting that he deals in some kind of creative vagueness, and makes sculptures so indistinct that they can be all things to all men. Every piece has a very specific and carefully achieved identity. The only reason we don't recognise them immediately is because we have never seen their like before.

Opposite the rearing prow of Falling On Deaf Ears is the equally cheekily entitled Turning A Blind Eye. Where the former sculpture was laboriously assembled out of galvanised steel plates, riveted together like the hull of a battleship, the latter is little more than a delicate outline of wood, a drawing in space which seems as irrefutably feminine as the rearing prow is masculine. It is as if part of the outline of a reclining nude by Matisse had been re-created in wood.

The rearing cobra and the welcoming curve stare across the exhibition at each other and maintain one of those unshakable relationships that exist between two objects that want to meet across a divide, but can't, like the fingers of God and Adam on the Sistine ceiling. Here too you notice the strong smell of sex.

Why does the memory, somewhere deep inside, greet Richard Deacon's sculptures not as strangers but as old friends? Why do the senses mistrust his abstraction, suspecting it of being a complex disguise for a simple reality?

It is because at the heart of Deacon's work there is a simple natural harmony of the kind that is found in nature. Male elements balance female; outsides balance insides; hard surfaces balance soft ones; open forms balance closed ones, creating an inviolable order which underpins the varied surfaces of his sculpture, and which the id recognises and adores long before the ego. This, of course, is the classic universal harmony, the modernist's Holy Grail, which a succession of 20th-century artists have gone in search of: Brancusi, Mondrian, Rothko, Barbara Hepworth.

It is fitting, and perhaps not entirely coincidental, that Deacon's work arrives at the Tate at the same time as the St Ives exhibition. This makes possible a telling comparison with the work of Hepworth. He is, perhaps, her only true heir. For surely his major achievement is to take the British sculptural tradition significantly forwards by combining its two most important streams, the organic and mythical abstraction of Moore and Hepworth, with the exploratory materialism of Caro.

In Deacon's work, as in Hepworth's, there is a kind of creative confusion about whether the handiwork we see is man's or nature's. With Hepworth's sculpture it is as if centuries of weathering by the sea and the air have finally worn reality down to its fundamental shapes, its masculine standing forms and its feminine holes and hollows.

Deacon arrives at a similar point but instead of the wind and the water wearing away the incidentals, it is his own hard work, the constant riveting, bending, cutting, pressing, moulding, which allows the final form to emerge.

This show differs from his other major appearances in the absence of the visual purity that characterised his work in the past. Previous exhibitions dealt in an atmosphere that was classical, calm, sparse, and well-ordered, like a landscape by Poussin.

This is a much more baroque display, polychromatic and full of movement. All five pieces are significantly different from each other in their materials, their general shape, their mood, as if the artist was running through a catalogue of his effects. As a result I think the show is marginally less effective in its entirety than the ones in which he concentrated on achieving a contemplative simplicity.

But with the exception of the small brass, Art For Other People No. 14, which, like all the other works in the series is a little too brazen in its commercialism, too self-conscious in its shiny brassiness, the individual pieces in the exhibition are triumphs of resonant abstraction.

The show's masterpiece is a large, willowy work called For Those Who Have Ears, No. 2. The title refers to the song of Orpheus who you may remember was torn to pieces by the Thracian women. As his head floated off towards Lesbos on his lyre, it continued to sing, a display of artistic perseverance which endeared it enormously to the Romantics for whom Orpheus became a symbol of the artist's immortality.

In Deacon's interpretation the thin curves of laminated wood seem to aspire to the condition of sound, gliding quickly through the air, creating rhythms and ripples in the surrounding space. It is indeed a sculpture you can almost hear, as if Orpheus's sweet, lyrical voice had been preserved in wood.

For Those Who Have Ears is a very tuneful work, Falling On Deaf Ears is correspondingly gruff and silent. As its title tells us, it is a work about not being able to hear or, more specifically — I find in the catalogue — about Odysseus's decision to have himself strapped to the mast of the Argos as it passed by the island of the Sirens.

While the Argonauts had their ears stopped with wax and remained deaf to the fatal Sirens' song Odysseus himself heard every gorgeous note and strained mightily towards it, just as the prow of this sculpture strains mightily towards the welcoming curves of Towards A Blind Eye, now revealed as an abstract evocation of the song of the Sirens.

There have been countless British artists in the past who have used mythology as a source but there have been none that I can think of who have used it so delicately and transformed it quite so radically. In this, as in so many other aspects of his work, Richard Deacon is a self-evidently important artist.

Richard Deacon at the Tate Gallery until June 16.

Nancy Banks-Smith on last night's television

Burke's lore

"LET ME," said James Burke, "tell you a joke. Someone went up to the great philosopher Wittgenstein and said 'What a lot of morons people back in the Middle Ages must have been to have thought what they were seeing was the sun going round the earth!' To which Wittgenstein replied, 'Yeah, but I wonder what it would have looked like if the sun had been going round the earth.' The point being, of course," Burke added helpfully, "it would have looked exactly the same."

Yeah (as the great philosopher Wittgenstein used to say) that's a real rib-tickler but I prefer the one about the great philosopher Kierkegaard. He was standing one day in a flower bed lost in thought when he was spotted by the park keeper, who called out angrily, "What are you doing there?" "What are any of us doing here?" replied the sage sonorously.

It was a question which recurred to me with increasing force during The Day The Universe Changed (BBC-1), subtitled A Personal View by James Burke. The phrase a personal view is an encoded message meaning "Look, it's nothing to do with me. Take it up with that chap waving his arms about."

James Burke has what used to be known as a grasshopper mind. It was supposed to hold you back in business and you were urged to take Pelmanism for it. Which only goes to show, Pelman never got a ten-part series on the history of Western knowledge.

Burke, TV Sage

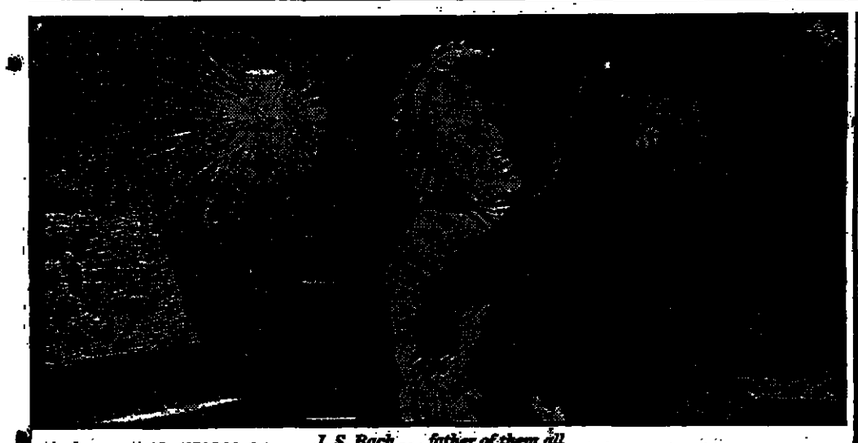
Burke bounds exuberantly from cause to effect, country to country, century to century, then exits violently stage left like a kangaroo with a plane to catch. Consider the exciting itinerary of programme eight which may, who can say, be about evolution: "An investigation of the trail that leads from Lapland and a Swedish botanist in 1730, and Oxford don who ate mice, and the shellfish under mount Etna to the beetle collector whose ideas shook the Church to its foundations and spurred Darwin to support the political struggle of the century."

The gist of the first programme was that we are of an enquiring turn of mind because of our Greek heritage. This is how he puts it. "The way we are began with a group of Greeks jumping into their boats and heading east for a bit of peace and quiet. They fetched up on a part of the eastern Med not exactly known for its five-star accommodation. They went into shipping and the little Ionian ships were like floating bazaars. You wanted it, they'd find it for you somewhere.

"The thing about people like that is they're always looking for a better deal. So a guy called Thales nipped off to Egypt and brought back geometry. Now in the laid-back opulence of life up the Nile, where the local conditions produced the world's first regular good time, they lived feet up and mind in neutral. Problem solving was very much not their thing."

You could call this sort of thing thought-provoking or just plain provoking. The vocabulary — quick fix, gee whizz, gismo, moron, admin, making waves, name of the game — and the style is spectacularly vulgar.

Wittgenstein, that noted wit, said, "Anything that can be said can be said clearly." I was reading Wittgenstein last night and I think that Wittgenstein was right.



J. S. Bach . . . father of them all

Edward Greenfield reviews new classical releases

Bach without the sermon

THE IMAGE of old Father Bach scowling from under his wig remains a prevalent one, influencing generations of performers. It chimes exactly with the Victorian view of Bach's music as a sermon in sound: the more boring it was, the more good you were having done to you.

Happily, times and attitudes are changing, and the Bach tercentenary this week brings a flood of new issues, not only bright and lively duplications of the Brandenburg Concertos, but whole new Bach editions.

I wrote recently of DG Archiv's collection on CD, mainly of longer works, but now from Leipzig, the city where Bach spent his last 27 years, comes an attractive series of 21 entirely new issues on a new label, Capriccio, all available in three formats, LP, cassette and compact disc. They are distributed here by Target Records, of 94 Guildford Road, Croydon, Surrey.

East German attitudes to Bach performance have not entirely got rid of the scowl and the sermon; and the four discs of organ music are a mixed bag, the job divided between four players on three different instruments, from which I warmly recommend the first four Trio Sonatas played on a piping baroque organ by Holm Vogel (10 037).

The discs of cantatas, nicely chosen, are disappointing, chiefly because of indifferent soloists, but when the series really gets off the beaten track, there are many delights, not least in a disc of four cantatas by Bach's predecessors in the family, his father-in-law Johann Michael, his uncle Georg Christoph (whose jolly birthday cantata celebrates Bach's father and two brothers) and, most striking of all, Johann Michael's brother, Johann Christoph.

JSB, keenly aware of family ties, drew up in 1735 a genealogical tree of 53 male relatives with their biographies: Johann Christoph was the one he admired most as a musician. From the substantial Wedding Cantata recorded here, setting a text from the Song of Solomon, one can even deduce that it had its influence on the St Matthew Passion.

Almost throughout set in a melancholy minor mode, it may seem less than celebratory, but in the five linked sections a charming duet leads to an extended soprano solo over a naggingly persistent ground bass with elaborate violin obbligato. Even a jig movement stays in the minor key; so does the elaborate final chorus, again with violin obbligato.

The lively performances, using period instruments and authentic string techniques, are from the Capella Fidicinia directed by Hans Gruss, and it is that group, with Peter Schreier as principal, soloist, which contributes the most delightful disc of the series, devoted to Music in the Bach Household (10 031).

As a child I spent hours practising some of the pieces here from the Anna Magdalena book, which Bach compiled for his second wife. Some, I now discover, are not actually by Bach himself, but in performances on a variety of keyboard instruments, including a clavichord and a virginals, they have a sparkle no child is likely to achieve.

The vocal items — well sung by Gisela Burkhardt as well as Schreier — include among various sacred and secular songs Bist du bei mir and Anna Magdalena's domestic arrangement of the lovely aria Schlummert ein from the cantata Ich habe genug.

I also recommend the disc of harpsichord works from Armin Thalheim, concentrating on four substantial pieces written when Bach was in his early twenties (10 034). Amazingly Bach's Capriccio on the Departure of a Much-loved Brother, his only programme music, ending with a fugue on the postillion's horn theme, is not otherwise available on disc at all. It is coupled here with the last two of the brilliant Toccatas and the Aria Variata, his only substantial set of variations before the Goldberg set.

The Leipzig Bach Edition covers the Brandenburg Concertos and the Orchestral Suites with lively and enjoyable performances, using modern pitch, from Max Pommer and the new Bach Collegium of Leipzig, but I cannot recommend it above the best existing versions.

What I enjoyed more was the collection of alternative versions of the Brandenburg Concertos Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 5 from the same performers (10 025), including No. 2 with corno di caccia in place of trumpet, and the first movement of No. 3 given full orchestral treatment as the sinfonia to a cantata, No. 174.

For the regular text of the Brandenburg Concertos I still warmly recommend Trevor Pinnock's exhilarating readings on period instruments, which outshine even the finest of the modern-pitch versions (DG Archiv).

A new rival set now appears from Christopher Hogwood and the Academy of Ancient Music, (Oiseau-Lyre 414 187-1, two discs) more brilliant (as in the cadenza of No. 5) at generally faster speeds, but with less spring in the rhythms. My preference for Pinnock is finally confirmed in the lovely slow movement of No. 6 with the violas of the English Concert sweeter and warmer than those of the Academy.

CONCERT DATES

Coulon/LPO/Christoff (Festival Hall, tomorrow, 7.30 pm). Boris Christoff makes a welcome visit with a wide-ranging selection of Russian items: Mussorgsky's Sunless Cycle, the monologue and aria from Rachmaninov's Aleko, a scene from Mussorgsky's Khovanshchina, and arias by Rimsky-Korsakov. Also in the programme a suite from Prokofiev's Romeo And Juliet.

Abbado / LSO / Norman / Vejzovic (Barbican, tomorrow, 7.45 pm). The LSO's massive Mahler series brings the Kindertotenlieder with Jessye Norman as soloist. Dunja Vejzovic is the soloist in the Fragments from Berg's Wozzeck. Also in the programme Berg's Three Pieces Op. 6.

Nicholas Daniel/Julius Drake (Purcell Room, 7.30 pm). A former BBC Young Musician of the Year on television, Nicholas Drake here tackles an imaginative programme of French and English oboe music, including sonatas by Dutilleux and Howells, a new work by Paul Patterson, and shorter pieces by French composers from Grovlez to Messiaen.

Rattle / Philharmonia / Brendel (Festival Hall, Tuesday, 7.30 pm). Rattle is about to record Shostakovich's Tenth Symphony, the main work in this programme. Brendel is soloist in Mozart's G major Piano Concerto K.453. As overture comes a recent work of David Matthews, September music.

VICTORIA PALACE
Michael Billington

Barnum

BARNUM is a triumph of style over content, of spectacle over substance. It tells one very little about the life of the huckstering American showman, P. T. Barnum, but it still fills one with pleasure, seems much better suited to the Victoria Palace than the wide open spaces of the Palladium and brings Michael Crawford back in a performance that has, if anything, got more athletically spring-heeled than ever.

I still wish Mark Bramble had written a meatier book. Even within the circus format, it would be nice to have more information about where Barnum raised the capital for his menageries and museums, why his wife was so tolerant of his six-month affaire with the Swedish songbird, Jenny Lind, and what led him to be dropped by the Connecticut power-brokers for the Senate nomination.

A musical can still be fun and give you a few facts; and, since we are asked to admire Barnum's inordinate capacity for humbug, it would be gratifying to learn whether the public felt conned by his talent for bull and blather.

But, even if the show is weak on biography, it is an utterly beguiling spectacle blending the riotous colour of a Dufy painting with a lot of genuine acrobatic skill. Clowns race down the aisle on their hands; a tiny lady propels herself across the stage upside down while hanging from a great height; others cartwheel, tumble, and spin in a restless, mobile kaleidoscope.

Cy Coleman's score also moves easily between ragtime, Sousa marches, romantic ballads, and patter-songs; and rational judgment is instantly suspended in the cheering final number, Join The Circus.

The evening, however, unquestionably belongs to Michael Crawford. He has now added to his tightrope-walk and climactic diagonal descent from the roof a moment in which he spins horizontally on a rope at prodigious speed. It is the most energetic performance I have ever seen in a musical. But Crawford's most formidable achievement is to charm us into believing that a roguish capitalist entrepreneur is some kind of archetypal hero.

Eileen Battye as his inexplicably adoring wife and Christina Collier as the seductive Swede seize their moments and the supporting cast are a limber advert for the circus training of Terry and Danuta Parsons. Barnum is a raree-show not entirely free from humbug; but I still warm to its infallible cheerfulness and would recommend it safely to pre-adolescents.

Charm and the entrepreneur — Michael Crawford as Barnum

COLISEUM
Tom Sutcliffe

Fidelio

BEETHOVEN'S tract against tyranny owes its force paradoxically to the domestic delicacy of Marzelline and the earthy ambivalence of Rocco. It is their bizarre domestic tangle, that web of emotional confusion surrounding the unheroic characters in Beethoven's story, that throws into epic perspective the actions and utterances of the wicked Pizzarro, the angelic Leonora and the tormented Florestan.

The trouble with Joachim Herz's ENO staging is that domesticity never has a chance. The atmosphere is gun metal grey, unrelieved by any lightness or normal vitality, from the start. There should be ambiguity as in Hamlet's "Denmark's a prison" so that the subterranean prisoners make a contrast, instead of being preechoed.

The new Marzelline, Jane Leslie MacKenzie, is persuasive enough in her charming, unforced singing. But in most other respects the first act of this revival got off to a sleepy start. Dennis Wicks, an experienced Rocco who has been with the production since Herz created it, can no longer summon enough energy, vocal or physical.

He was not helped by Mark Elder's untempered conducting. The insufficiently scrupulous conductor, who gets on with things rather than try to live up to the peculiar moral scrutiny of this score, very easily sounds just cheap. Malcolm Donnelly is a competent Pizarro, but far from evil enough in his cold scheming.

The prisoners' chorus never built to anything, and the revealing early quartet sagged. The major problem is in Josephine Barstow's Leonora, which may emote strongly, but has very little vocal colour or volume to work with.

The second act caught fire because of Rowland Sidwell's marvellously sung, perceptive Florestan. Such a good Florestan can redemm much dross, with a hand from Rodney Macann's pleasing Fernando.

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Accardo

SALVATORE Accardo's latest visit has prompted a formidable display of his versatility as a violinist. Last week in quick succession came a show of fireworks in Sarasate for the LSO Gala, followed two days later by a deeply searching account of the Berg Violin Concerto. Here, in a lunchtime recital at St John's, Smith Square, Accardo presented a cunningly chosen sequence of four works, played in chronological sequence, but each in its way defying chronology and fashion.

Before Faure's Violin Sonata No. 1 of 1876 the announcer reminded us that it was written well before the Franck sonata and even before any of Brahms. Well he might, when the first movement sounds so much like Brahms with a slight French accent and the finale so like Franck. The middle two movements, the gentle wayward Andante and the quicksilver scherzo, both more personal to the composer, drew from Accardo playing at once delicate and deeply felt.

His accompanist, Bruno Canino — generally associated with avant-garde music but Accardo's collaborator over many years — equally relished the contrast when Faure's unusual expansiveness led on to the severe compression of Webern's Four Pieces Opus 7. These are amazing works for 1910, and Accardo's ability to project total concentration, even in a whispered pianissimo, was superbly demonstrated.

Debussy's Violin Sonata of 1917, which can so easily sound fragmentary, then brought a vein of tender melancholy along with the fantasy. It is Accardo's gift to convey depth of feeling, not with the fat-toned extroversion of many a leading virtuoso, but with a keener, purer style and manner.

That was so, too, in the final item, Ravel's Tzigane of 1924, made here far closer as a Hungarian Rhapsody to the bite and revolutionary fire of Bartok than to the gypsy nostalgia of Liszt.

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Kelly Monteith

COMEDIANS used to tell jokes: now they tell us their life story. Kelly Monteith, currently doing a one-man show at the Ambassadors, belongs to the confessional school of comedy. His act covers such matters as his motel experiences, his germ phobia, his impotence fears, and his marriage. By the end of the evening I felt I certainly knew the man even if I had laughed only intermittently.

Mr Monteith (who has eluded me so far on TV) has one problem: he is too good-looking.

He also stays religiously tethered to his hand-mike which he uses for a succession of snorts, sneezes, explosions and sonic booms that threaten to turn one deaf.

But after a dicey, anally-obsessed first half, Mr Monteith radically improves in the second. He is good on grass smoking, the agony of transcontinental driving (he suggests signs saying "You are now entering a sniper area" to keep you awake).

Mr Monteith also combines homely folk wisdom ("If you accent youth, it's like burning your bridges in front of you") with deeply personal and universally applicable accounts of male fears of "performance anxiety." He himself, on stage anyway, doesn't suffer from it. He is assured, relaxed and smooth as a baby's bottom; but in his concern not to give offence, he sometimes misses the danger that is the spice of true comedy.

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Don't get the hump—but looking at fundamentals now's the time to sell dollars

NOTEBOOK

THE fall of the dollar continued yesterday irrespective of the UK budget whereas on Monday the fall was clear enough. yesterday it became even more generalised, with substantial declines against all the major currencies. Is the slide now beginning in earnest?

You have to be very cautious about any assessment of the mood of the exchanges. There seem to be at least three influences on the dollar which are fuelling the exchanges of which only one can realistically be expected to continue in the next few months. That one is the deteriorating current account.

While the outturn of the current account for 1984 would have been quite accurately predicted from the monthly data, the actual publication of the figures did, it seems, have an impact on the markets. Since these were coupled with the highlighting of the US's new debtor status, they were probably the biggest single influence propelling yesterday's decline.

The trade deficit—and of course the US's debtor status—will continue, but the other "bear" factors may not.

One of those two "bear" factors was concern about the US banking system's stability following the savings and loans problems in Ohio. Viewed rationally these can hardly be of greater significance than the difficulties last year of a major bank like Continental Illinois.

You have to assume a very high degree of incompetence in the US authorities to see Ohio leading to some form of chain-reaction collapse. The likelihood, rather, is that after the usual flurry of funds seeking high quality havens, the US internal markets will settle down. It follows that Ohio ought not to remain a burden on the dollar.

The other factor is the uncertain trend of US interest rates. The earliest suggestions of the American economy's first quarter growth suggest that it will be at the bottom end of expectations. This would, in the ordinary course of events, in turn lead to an easing of interest rates. This, in turn, would tend to weaken the dollar.

But you cannot assume that any such easing of rates will continue. Indeed there is a decent expectation of a money supply "hump" in the next couple of months, hich could reverse any current easing of rates on the back of weaker economic activity.

A tentative conclusion? Expect a fall in the dollar in the coming months, for the fundamental position of US indebtedness and investor concern will continue: but do not expect that fall to be a smooth, or still less a comfortable one. There will be humps on the way down.

Sir Clive's role

DISCREET inquiries as to the value placed on those unquoted shares in Sinclair Research reveals a clear drop in rating. Now the dust is settling after Sir Clive's meeting with 30 or so institutional investors last week it is clear that sentiment is not at all bullish.

The jobbers' rock-bottom price at which negotiations upwards might start for any sale to be transacted between two parties — buyer and seller — has sunk to £18-£21 per share, compared with the price of £34 achieved 18 months ago, when investors were first let in.

This is troublesome. Sales struck before the briefing were at £30-£33. Brokers Hoare Govett say that to their knowledge there have not actually been any dealings since the meeting, so no price has actually been struck. There is no question about it, though: it could be well under £30. Attention was diverted from the 40 to 50 per cent drop in profits expected in the Sinclair Research financial year ending this March by the push forwards into revolutionary silicon wafer manufacture organised by Dr Robb Wilmot.

But another key worry, raised at that meeting and repeated fairly widely since, is the way Sir Clive appears to be resuming a chief executive, lead management role over Sinclair Research. With the greatest respect to Sir Clive and his Mensa-style qualities, it is not a natural role for him in what is becoming a £100 million a year sales company, they say.

The problem arises because Nigel Searle, managing director since the shares were sold off, is returning to Boston to head up QL computer sales in the US and is not apparently being replaced. Further, the company is being divided into two operating divisions, computer communications, and all other products. Much anxiety could be allayed if the very top management were to be augmented. Perhaps plans are underway? N. M. Rothschild, Sinclair's advisers, are assiduous nursemaids to the hitech toddler.

Finally, what hope is there for the brave new wafer plant gaining UK funding? Several of the loyal institutional investors in Sinclair are likely to recommend to their boards that money should be put up. But they do not sound terribly hopeful of getting propositions through.

It would be a shame if the clouds over Sinclair Research should prevent a really detailed study of the technology, business plan and risks involved of the £50 million project. For the clouds may have dispersed by this time next year; they are essentially the result of volatile consumer product sales and trends.

The wafer plant is a highly significant, potentially strategic investment which could boost computer and peripheral application. It should not be tarnished by the disappointment with another Sinclair offshoot, the electric trike.

Of course, the wafer plant is a natural project for the mature, sophisticated US venture capitalists, all falling over themselves to lend to the future. But it deserves a very thorough consideration here too.

Chairman says problems will be solved by June

Barratt sales plunge

By Andrew Cornelius

Barratt Developments, still Britain's biggest housebuilder despite plummetting sales, yesterday confirmed the City's worst fears with the announcement of a £15 million collapse in half-year profits.

High interest rates, the miners strike, adverse publicity over Barratt's timber frame building and sales methods, the falling pound, and the costs of restructuring the company to meet new lower levels of demand, were blamed by Sir Lawrie Barratt, the chairman and founder of the company.

Pre-tax losses of £4 million for the six months to December 31, 1984, compare with the £19 million pre-tax profits achieved in the second half of 1983. After an extraordinary provision of £3.8 million against back-corporation tax following a change in the rules governing stock relief for houses held by the group under its part-exchange scheme, Barratt reported a post-tax loss of £1.44 million.

Group debt rose from £127 million in June last year to £151 million in December to highlight brokers fears about the future survival of the company. Yet despite the problems, Barratt shares rose by 12p to 78p after a confident statement from Sir Lawrie.

He said that he hoped the group's problems would be over by the end of the current financial year in June, when the drastic restructuring of the group was completed.

In May, Barratt would launch a completely new range of houses aimed primarily at the second and third time buyer. By the end of the year, Barratt's sales to second and third time buyers would double from 30 to 60 per cent of all sales. This would boost the average Barratt house sale price from £40,000 to £55,000-plus in the South-east, and from £25,000 to £32,000 plus in the rest of the country.

At the same time Barratt would reduce the proportion of its houses built by timber frame methods from a peak of more than 50 per cent 18 months ago to about 15 per cent.

Sir Lawrie said that the newly structured group would settle down to a lower level of about 12,000 completions each year, against the 16,000 achieved in 1983. Even at this reduced level, Barratt would still be Britain's biggest housebuilder, with 30 per cent more completions than the second biggest builder.

Group turnover grew by £13 million to £272 million in the half year, helped in part by the increasing emphasis on higher value houses, which will become increasingly important as Sir Lawrie restructures the business. The interim dividend is being maintained at 2.31p

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Tourism aid for farmers

By Rosemary Collins, Agriculture Correspondent

Farmers on poor land who apply for farm improvement grants will in future be able to claim extra subsidies to help them set up tourist or rural craft enterprises following Britain's decision to implement part of an EEC directive agreed last week.

A tourist or craft enterprise worth up to around £25,000 will be eligible for grant aid on each farm, but the proportion which will be met from public funds has yet to be decided. Britain is bound by the EEC directive, however, not to pay more than 45 per cent of the total.

The idea is to encourage diversification of rural employment opportunites, and to keep small, marginally viable farm enterprises afloat. As such it represents a switch in EEC and domestic farm policy, which for 20 years has urged small farmers to leave the land and concentrated subsidy on big farm production.

The availability of farm improvement grants will also be extended with the same end in view. The ceiling of investment for each eligible farm will be reduced from the present £135,000 to £75,000, of which up to 45 per cent will come from grants.

But farmers will in future be able to claim if only half their income comes from the land, and they will not have to set development targets to increase their income as a result of the improvements carried out, as under the present rules. It will be enough that they wish to stabilise their existing income.

Further EEC measures to help young farmers start up in business are unlikely to be implemented in Britain. The directive allows member governments to pay an extra 25 per cent on top of all other capital grants to farmers under the age of 40, and a cash sum of £4,500 to young farmers setting up business for the first time.

Ohio thrifts under threat

From Alex Brummer in Washington

AS MANY as 20-25 Ohio's state chartered savings and loans may be forced to permanently close their doors as a result of the crisis to hit the state's banking, it emerged yesterday.

Federal sources said that these institutions, with tens-of-thousands of depositors, were not financially sound enough to qualify for Federal government guarantees. Some 70 savings and loans with deposits of more than $4 billion have been closed since Friday on the order of the Governor, Mr Richard Celesete as he has struggled to put together a rescue effort.

Hopes of a rescue received a brief setback on Monday night when the Ohio State Senate meeting in Columbus failed to pass a bill which had overwhelmingly moved through the state house. The bill, which could become law as soon as today, makes it possible for savings and loans carrying state insurance to apply for Federal guarantees. Once a savings and loan has completed the formalities it will be allowed to open its doors again. One of the original problem companies Columbia Savings and Loan of Cincinatti has already met Federal standards and re-opened its doors with little problem.

The Ohio problem with its ramifications for other state savings and loans, the broad equivalent of Britain's building societies, has caused widespread nervousness on the financial markets. US analysts believe that the Federal Reserve, the US's central bank, will be obliged to maintain an accommodative monetary stance, pending solution of the Ohio problem. This was partly the reason behind the dollar's drop this week.

It emerged yesterday that the rescue operation will not provide all the answers for the 70 savings and loans affected by Governor Celeste's order. While some 20 of the larger and better run savings and loans are said to be preparing applications for Federal guarantees of deposits—a move which would restore confidence in their operations—there is fear that many of the others will not meet current standards. It may require substantial write-downs of their loan portfolios and possible mergers to bring them into line.

At the bottom of the pile will be some 20-25 savings and loans which simply cannot be salvaged. The state will be presumably required to meet the claims of small depositors if insurance funds prove inadequate to the task. The Federal authorities—the Federal Reserve Bank in Cleveland and the Federal Home Loan Board—have pointed out that the reason these weaker institutions applied for private insurance unds inthe first place was because their balance sheets would not have been acceptable.

Sharp British Leyland reversal

By Michael Smith, Industrial Editor

BL, the State-owned car and truck manufacturer, has suffered a sharp reversal in its trading fortunes with 1984 producing a depressing picture of lower production, falling sales and increased losses.

The setback emerges at a time when ministers are still considering BL's corporate plan for the future which sets out the firm's long term objectives and capital spending and product launches.

However BL confirmed yesterday that in spite of 1984's performance, the company has agreed to end its call on the Government for financial support.

Initially BL has decided not to draw on a £110 million loan facility available from the Government and finance its future capital requirements from commercial sources, its own profits and a rising programme of asset sales.

BL has already sold off its Jaguar division for a net profit of £186 million and other divisions like Unipart are now being groomed for privatisation as soon as possible.

Commenting on the 1984 performance, the BL board notes that the progress in the group's recovery was not sustained and there were inconsistencies within the business. In addition market conditions remained competitive and industrial relations disputes at Austin Rover, the volume car producing operation, had an adverse affect on profits.

As a result, group turnover in 1984 fell slightly to £3.4 billion with exports down by £90 million to £827 million because results from Jaguar were lost after the company was sold off last summer.

At the pre-tax level, BL suffered increased losses of £73.2 million against £67.1 million.

Overall, the car manufacturing division saw its profits fall sharply from £73 million to £40 million largely as a result of the loss of 86,000 units at Austin Rover because of industrial disputes. But BL's share of the UK car market in 1984 was down on the previous year.

Unipart, the next division likely to be sold off, remained profitable while Land Rover Leyland cut its losses from £66 million to £49 million.

Total car and truck production in 1984 fell by 86,000 to 490,000 and unit sales fell by 53,000 to 511,000.

Valor to buy Heatrae Sadia

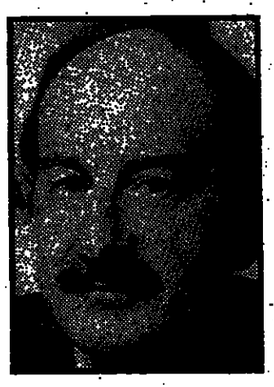
By Geoffrey Gibbs

Charter Consolidated, the mining industrial group, is disposing of the Heatrae Sadia water heating appliances and catering equipment business as part of the continued rationalisation of its industrial operations.

The company is being acquired by Valor, the heating and cooking appliance manufacturer headed by the National Consumer Council chairman, Mr Michael Montague.

Valor is financing the £6.145 million acquisition through the issue of substantial block of new shares. It has come up with a plan that it hopes will sidestep the criticism that has been heaped on recent vendor placings.

Although the new shares — representing around 18 per cent of the existing share capital — are being placed with institutional investors the group has made arrangements for shareholders to apply for almost half the issue at the 190p placing price. Shareholders who apply for one new share for every 12 shares held already will receive their allocation in full.



Chairman Michael Montague

The Valor chairman said yesterday that the need to synchronise the funding of the Heatrae acquisition with the conclusion of negotiations for its purchase had made it impracticable to finance the deal through a rights issue. But he added, "I consider recent criticism of companies placing new shares advantageously without respecting existing shareholders' interests to have some justification. Perhaps we have found a means of satisfying everybody."

Valor is supporting the share issue with the forecast of a pre-tax profit of not less than £5.5 million for the financial year that ends this month and is promising shareholders a 15 per cent lift in dividend. On the stock market Valor shares rose 7 to 209p.

In a separate deal Valor is paying £885,000 in shares and cash for the privately owned Gainsborough Electrical business which manufactures electrical hot water showers.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Call to act on GATT

UK TRADE Minister Mr Paul Channon, yesterday called on his EEC colleagues to agree to the principle of holding a new round of multilateral trade negotiations in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Mr Channon was taking part in the meeting of trade ministers in Brussels to decide the EEC's stance in a series of international meetings which will debate the possibility of a new round of GATT talks.

The United States and Japan have been pressing hard for a new set of trade negotiations as early as next year but some EEC countries have been reluctant to back this move until the substance and timing of such talks have been fully settled in advance. Mr Channon warned of the dangers of delaying a decision by the Common Market countries.

SUNG Hung Kai of Hong Kong has agreed to sell its interest in Sun Hung Kai Ban'. to Arab Banking Corporation for HK$360 million. Sun Hung Kai will incur an extraordinary loss of HK$186 million because of a revaluation of the bank's property but the group said the loss would be offset by the recent sale for HK$30 million of its stake in a local television company.

BP IS raising £50 million through an issue of seven-and-a-half-year notes by BP Capital by a coupon of 10¾ per cent, priced at 99¼ per cent. The notes will be guaranteed by BP. The subscription agreement will be signed on March 21 and closing will take place on April 4.

THE GOVERNMENT was urged yesterday to introduce new labelling laws to help UK commercial vineyards. There are now more than 200 commercial vineyards in Britain and production last year topped a record three million bottles. Growers and local authority trading standards officers, however, think many consumers are confused by the existing labelling laws.

Two thousand Servis jobs may still be saved

By Maggie Brown

Two thousand Servis washing machine workers were laid off by the receivers yesterday but they are likely to be reinstated shortly if a deal goes through for the sale of the Black Country company.

Receivers Cork Gully were called in 12 days ago by the company's bankers after Servis, makers of 7 per cent of washing machines sold in the UK, ran into financial difficulties. The company has continued to trade while a takeover sale was arranged with a British buyer anxious to move into domestic appliances. But the deal, which receiver Mr Michael Jordan was initially expecting to strike quickly, has taken longer to materialise.

He confirmed last Friday that the proposed purchaser had changed stance and the nature of the proposal. The original plan envisaged buying the entire operation: this may have been scaled down, placing more jobs in jeopardy.

It is the second time in three years that Servis, the third-largest manufacturer of its kind in Britain, has run into problems. These have been intensified by European-wide competition and over-capacity estimated as high as 50 per cent.

Mr Jordan, in a statement yesterday, said, "The receivers have had discussions with a prospective purchaser which may lead to the sale of the business in a week or so."

CSO indicates confusion

The prediction of the next cyclical peak in economic activity remains uncertain, according to the Central Statistical Office yesterday.

The CSO's special amalgams of economic indicators, designed to give advance warning of peaks and troughs of economic activity, continue to give contradictory readings.

The fall in the longer leading indicator in the first two months of this year is based on partial information and reverses a slight rise in the series in the second half of last year. It is meant to predict turning points a year ahead.

The shorter leading indicator, supposed to show turning points six months ahead, continues to recovery rising in January to 103.2 from 102.7.

It remains, though, below its level of a year ago, when it turned down before the longer leading indicator and caused some confusion amongst the statisticians who try to interpret it.

Thorn EMI plans $175m film fund

By Maggie Brown

Thorn EMI is setting up a $175 million fund to finance about 20 new feature films a year, either made by independent producers, or within its own studios.

The fund, which as been backed by 12 international banks who have put up the money fairly speedily, is the largest established in Britain. It casts Thorn EMI Screen Entertainment in the leading financing role within the UK.

Mr John Reiss, production finance director of Screen Entertainment, who put up the idea, said yesterday, "It will be a godsend to producers. They can scent money a mile away, and my phone hasn't stopped ringing as the news percolates through to Bognor Regis, or wherever."

The fund will provide loans for film-making at better interest rates than those normally charged for one-off deals, cutting $400,000 off a $10 million film.

It will be used to back medium-budget films — costing around $13 to $14 million — of international appeal in the English language. Mr Reiss talks of the factory worker aged 42 in Cincinnati as representative of its target audience. The fund will be replenished as loans are repaid.

Opec shrugs off BNOC's fate

By John Hooper, Energy Correspondent

The President of Opec, Dr Subroto, yesterday shrugged of the implications of the British Government's decision to abolish BNOC. "I don't think in the short term there is going to be any effect at all. In the longer term, in my view, you have one destabilising factor less."

On Monday, Sheikh Yamani of Saudi Arabia took a similarly measured view. Their responses, which have been in marked contrast to earlier pronouncements from Opec urging Britain to take a more active role in propping up prices, suggests either that they have decided to bury the hatchet for fears of alarming the market or that they have finally been persuaded that the whole BNOC system, which encourages more crude to be traded than necessary is against their interests.

Dr Subroto made his comments as he arrived for a meeting in Geneva of Opec's five-member ministerial executive committee, which is responsible for overseeing the cartel's new auditing mechanism.

The Committee comprises representatives from Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Venezuela, the United Arab Emirates and Nigeria. The Kuwaiti minister, Sheikh Ali Khalifa al-Sabah was also due to attend the meeting.

The auditing system was set up by a full Opec ministerial meeting in January after it became clear that quota-busting by member states was wrecking the cartel's credibility and weakening the international market. A firm of Dutch accountants was appointed to ensure that member nations of Opec stayed within the limits agreed to under an overall ceiling, currently 16 million barrels per day.

Output during January was exceptionally low. Earlier this week, Sheikh Yamani put it at 14.1 million bpd while the independent Petroleum Intelligence Weekly calculated it at around 14.9 million bpd. Since then, however, it has crept steadily upwards to around the 16 million bpd mark.

At the same time, there are signs that demand may be weakening as the end of winter approaches. An additional factor depressing demand is the end of the miners' strike. The CEGB's purchases of heavy fuel oil to burn in place of coal effectively added an extra 500,000 to 600,000 bpd to demand for Opec crude.

Paradoxically, however, spot prices have been edging upwards in recent weeks, perhaps reflecting a scarcity of supplies in a market where the big multinationals, having already dug deep into their stocks, are unwilling to dig any deeper.

The spring could well see a firming of the crude oil market as it has done for the last three years. But this would only serve to disguise the unerlying weakness of Opec's position. Forward prices, which show a steady decline over the next few months, recognise this.

The most serious threat to Opec is the prospect of an end to the Gulf war. This would enable at least one of the combatants, and possibly both, to boost their output and exports. Neither Iran nor Iraq has been producing its full quota, and both would need funds for reconstruction.

● Algeria yesterday cut the price of its Saharan blend by $1 to $29.50 a barrel. The cut goes some of the way to aligning Algeria's prices with those agreed at Opec's January meeting when North African extra light crudes such as Saharan were priced at a notional $28.90. Algeria and Libya, together with Iran, refused to accept the deal. But Iran has since fallen into line.

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Second year of profit decline for Horizon

By Geoffrey Gibbs

Horizon Travel, Britain's third largest tour operator, suffered a sharp fall in trading results last year despite carrying a record number of holidaymakers. But profits arising on the sale of an aircraft have limited the damage done by the difficult trading climate.

Latest figures from the Horizon chairman, Mr Bruce Tanner, show pre-tax profit for the year to the end of November as £12.52 million, compared with £12.57 million in the preceding year.

The result marks the second successive year of profit decline at Horizon and would have looked worse still but for the £5.7 million surplus produced by the disposal of a Boeing 737-200 and a £1.68 million exceptional currency gain. Horizon shares fell 5p to 133p each.

Current year trading is certain to prove tough in the light of the sharp fall in summer bookings being experienced by the industry as a whole. But Horizon can again look to aircraft sale profits to shore up any decline in trading results.

Because of the reduced demand in the air charter market, Horizon has been cutting the size of its Orion Airways fleet. Negotiations have been completed for the sale of two more Boeing 737-200s — each of which will produce a profit of £7 million.

Four new generation Boeings are being introduced by Orion during 1985 but the size of the fleet is being reduced to a total of nine aircraft following the termination of a number of aircraft leases.

Like others in the travel trade, Horizon has suffered a sharp fall in bookings to Spain for the coming summer season. Although bookings for holidays in Greece are in line with last year's levels, those to Spanish destinations — accounting for about 60 per cent of the group's business — have slumped by about 30 per cent.

The decline has led to the group making selective reductions in the cost of holidays after an initial 20 per cent brochure price increase. Directors expect the actual level of business will be down by about 15 per cent by the end of the summer.

That picture is in strong contrast to last summer when the volume of business rose by five per cent to a record level. Turnover rose from £124 million to £152 million but margins came under fierce pressure because of a holiday price war and the decline of sterling in relation both to the dollar and the Spanish peseta. Trading profit for the year slumped 59 per cent to £5.15 million.

News of last year's results and current trading comes less than a week after the group announced plans to set up a joint venture company with the brewing giant, Bass, to own and operate Horizon's hotels and Bass's holiday club international operation. As part of the deal, Bass will inject £12.2 million cash into the joint venture and receive new shares representing 15 per cent of the enlarged Horizon share capital.

Bruce Tanner

Gilts boosted as pound gains on dollar

THE MARKETS

While many investors chose to mark time in front of the Chancellor's speech yesterday, events on the foreign exchanges prompted a fair amount of two-way activity. Sterling's advance against a dollar, which was being sold on the view that US banking problems could prevent a rise in trans-Atlantic interest rates, immediately raised the prospect of cheaper money at home.

So gilts pushed ahead by as much as ¾ at the longer end of the list. And stores latched on to the possibility of an increase in consumer spending. They ended the day with widespread gains mostly in the range of 5p to 10p, but exceptionally to 30p in the case of Gus "A" at 784p. The market is expecting results from "Gussies" in the very near future.

Buldings would normally have been expected to join in the rise, although progress here was checked by the Building Societies Association chairman's pessimism about the chances of avoiding a fresh *rise in the mortgage rate.* There was one bright spot, however in Barratt Developments. Profits were well down as anticipated, but a maintained dividend and encouraging comment on prospects restored 12p to the share price at 78p.

Major exporters were marked down quite sharply along with the fall in the value of the dollar. ICI *dropped 20p to 77p and Jag*uar, whose results are due on Thursday, lost 15p to 342p. Insurance brokers and oils also lost ground in reflection of their substantial dollar-earning capacity. Life companies appeared to have got over their recent bout of nerves concerning possible budget tax penalties on pensions.

Properties continued to pin their hopes on some budget tax relief for residential developers. *Golds scored a broad* advance as the dollar's retreat saw the metal price surge back through the $300 barrier with a $18 spurt. Prices of a number of heavyweights rose by around $6 a time.

Leaders to slip a few pence included **BTR** at 724p, down 10p, **Beecham** 361p, down 7p, and **Cadbury** 164p, down 5p. On the plus side **Hawker** rallied 18p to 427p after recent weakness caused by the Cana*dian figures, and* **Marks and** Spencer reflected satisfaction with the demand for their new credit card, up 5p, to 149p.

Oils languished with Shell 17p lower at 78p. Against the trend I. C. Gas put on 12p to 358p. Building suppliers were supported, with **Redland** at 295p and **Magnet Southerns** 128p around 6p better.

Main changes: Barratt 78p up 12p; Gus A 784p up 30p; ICI 777p down 20p; Jaguar 342p down 15p; Shell 738p down 17p; Sale Tilney 534p up 27p; Hawker 427p up 16p; Bat Ind 360p down 15p.

Stock Exchange turnover for March 18: Number of bargains 25,508; Value £327,372 million.

● Frankfurt: Prices closed mixed after a session of sharp price-swings. The Commerzbank index dipped to 1217.1, down 3.2 points, from Monday's record high of 1220.3.

● Tokyo: Shares turned lower in dull trading. Nikkei Dow Jones index: 12,477.99 (12,506.64).

● Hong Kong: Prices drifted lower in light trading. Hang Seng index: 1300.97 (1310.47).

● Money markets: Period rates eased further, encouraged by a strong pound to look for lower interest rates after the budget. But day-to-day fundings stayed expensive, with 15¼-15 per cent ruling most of the morning, 15¼-½per cent at lunchtime, and a mid-afternoon surge to 20-17 per cent. Towards the finish, the rate came off a little to 18-15 per cent and the close was around 16 per cent.

FT Ordinary Share Index up 2.1 at 997.5. FT-SE 100 Index up 0.4 at 1300.7. Pound: $1.1365; DM 3.72; Fr 11.38. Gold: $318.00. Account: March 11 to 22. Sterling Index 74.0 (1975=100). RPI 359.8 (January) up 5 per cent on year.

THE people whose computer graphics send Panorama's globe twisting across the nation's screens and who made the intro video for the Money programme are coming to the USM. Crown International Productions also does information and training videos, like those that helped to sell British Telecom. It would be capitalised at £3.6 million at the placing price of 60p. Profits are forecast to rise from £154,000 to £300,000 in the year to September.

COMPANY BRIEFING

Some cheer for brewer

Boddingtons, the Manchester brewers, managed to push up profit by four per cent last year in spite of the difficult climate presented by the continuing high level of unemployment.

After taking account of an increase in interest and depreciation charges arising from a continued high level of investment in the group's licensed estates, pre-tax profit for the year to the end of December rose from £9.095 million to £9.458 million. At the trading level the increase was 5.6 per cent.

The Boddingtons' chairman, Mr Ewart Boddington, says the benefits of the capital investment programme — some £4.7 million was invested during the year — are now showing through.

Profits from the group's retail operations, particularly managed houses and catering, are showing a "substantial increase."

The opening weeks of 1985 have shown a continuation of last year's pattern with beer sales showing little sign of recovery but retailing continuing to produce additional profit.

While the high level of unemployment continued to put pressure on beer volumes last year, Boddingtons reports that sales of lager have continued to show an improvement.

Paterson buoyant

Nigerian manufacturing has again proved a money spinner for Paterson Zochonis, the UK-baed trading and manufacturing group best known for its Cussons range of soaps and toiletries.

Pre-tax profits rose from £14.2 million to £17.5 million in the half year to November 30, 1984. Turnover, which dipped slightly last year, rose strongly from £123.6 million to £150 million, and the results were strengthened by a nearly doubled profit contribution from associate companies.

Roughly half of Paterson Zochonis' sales come from Nigeria where the group manufactures refrigerators, essential soaps, and a wider range of cosmetics and other toiletries. The group's "good citizen" policy of setting up local manufacturing plant for its products in Nigeria has won favour with successive regimes and imports of raw materials *to supply its soap and deter*gent factories have so far avoided import restrictions.

Paterson Zochonis shares rose strongly on the interim profit figures, gaining 17p to 150p.

But the board, which is chaired by Greek-born Mr John Zochonis, remains cautious about the group's ability to continue to supply its Nigerian operations. Nevertheless, it is hoped that profits during the second half of the year will not be less than those of the first.

NEW LONDON OIL

NEW LONDON Oil is seeking a full Stock Exchange listing through the offer for sale by Robert Fleming of 6.5 million shares (30 per cent of the capital) at 175p a share. It is raising £9.5 million and will be capitalised at £37.6 million.

New London is the holding company for a new UK-based oil and gas development and exploration group which has cash flow from oil production in the Baldwin and Kincaid fields in South East Kansas. This income, plus the cash raised by the flotation will be used to fund a production, development and exploration programem which is to run until 1987.

The group will also be buying interests in the Weld County properties and the Laramie County and Washington County prospects. Application lists open on Monday and dealing should start on April 4.

Laing's surge

A surge in investment income helped by a strong performance in North America has lifted Laing Properties profits from £11.1 million to £13.2 million *for 1984.*

North America now contributes one half of investment income, compared with 44 per cent last year.

The strength of the US dollar has made a rising flow of rents look even fuller, and investment income is now up to £23 million from £18.5 million. Rental growth produced £2.2 million of the increase, and additions to Laing's portfolio provided the rest.

Trading income contributed £2.1 million against £1.2 million, Laing says it can seen no reason to be other than positive about longer-term growth, and talks about a widening range of opportunities available.

Borrowing have jumped from £114.6 million to £135.4 million, but profits have benefited from an abnormally low tax charge after a tax credit and capital allowances. The dividend goes up to 6.25p from 5.5p on an increased share capital.

Rescue rejected

A new scheme to rescue the ailing Isle of Man Steam and Packet Company was unveiled to shareholders and the Manx Parliament yesterday, but received a swift rejection by the company's directors.

The proposal that Island Carriers should take a major stake in Steam Packet in return for an injection of assets, is intended to rival the merger planned between the company and Sealink's Manx operations.

A committee of shareholders has opposed the merger partly because it would involve the relocation of Steam Packet's UK terminal from Liverpool to Heysham. The new Island Carriers' scheme would allow Steam Packet to continue operating from Liverpool and would also give the company £270,000 of assets, an office property, and Island Express Vehicles.

Island Carriers would in return own one third of the company's existing capital with the issue of 750,000 new *shares.*

But the Steam Packet board said that the outline did not even constitute "a basis for preparation of a viable alternative to the merger proposals." Shareholders, including the Manx Government with a 13 per cent stake, are due to vote on the merger tomorrow.

Minimal Mnemos

Mnemos, the data storage systems company in which the US Sperry Corporation has just taken a 10 per cent sharestake for $5 million yesterday announced nine month losses of £7 million, compared with £4.8 million.

Meanwhile, its controlling 62 per cent shareholder, Combined Technologies Corporation (a spin-off from the non-oil interests of Tricentrol) reported a deficit of £6 million, and plans to sell off certain technology interests.

The Mnemos board says revenues will remain minimal until the middle of 1985, but that Sperry, Merrill Lynch and BCA, who have pilot systems installed or on order provide evidence of a clear need for the Mnemos data system.

The Sperry deal gave it the exclusive licence to market Mnemos products for 15 years to the US military. Sperry has been demonstrating its version of the Mnemos work-station to a wide range of US military officials. Manufacturing is underway at a new facility in Pennsylvania. It is also moving the company's disc replica stamping operations in West Germany to Cambridge to improve control.

Mnemos has fought long and hard, almost to the point of exhaustion, to reach breakthrough with its System 6,000, which combines a range of proven technology to store documents, and retrieve information. It is especially designed for highly detailed technical data.

Automotive in reverse

Automotive Products, the Lockheed engineer, crashed into reverse in the second half of last year as a result of the strikes at home and an hiatus in deliveries to Iran. High interest rates are a drag and the maintained final dividend dashes the hopes of a rapid restoration aroused by the doubled interim payment. Nevertheless, the overseas expansion programme is on track.

Turnover rose by £20 million to £235.6 million in the year to January 4, but almost all of the increase had been achieved at the half-way stage. Subsequently, some further large-scale redundancies in the Midlands were announced and the loss making filter business was merged into Turner and Newall's in November, with the latter holding 60 per cent. Stoppages by customers and in spares sales to the coal industry, along with the delay in Iranian business, cost £13 million in sales.

Pre-tax profit ended up £100,000 lower at £3.9 million, after trebling to £3.1 million in the first six months. But for the cost reduction programme, there would have been barely a breakeven situation later, but extraordinary charges inevitably turned up again to £2 million. Profit was reduced by £600,000 by exceptional items while pre-disposal losses were as much as £900,000.

The final dividend is held at 0.5p net a share making the total 1.5p, against 1p paid from lower earnings of 3.7p. Although the chairman, Mr George Pears, remains confident, the £600,000 rise in interest charges to £7.8 million and the comparatively slim profit margin, set the shares back 6p at 56p, after an initial gain.

In short...

MICHAEL Ashcroft's Hawley group has stepped up its stake in double glazing group Kean & Scott from 67.8 per cent to 75 per cent. Hawley offered to buy 7.05 million shares through the market at 65p each, 3p above Monday night's closing price.

BOOKER McConnell has not forecast that profit this year will exceed last year's £36.8 million as we stated in a report carried last Saturday. Mr Jonathan Taylor, Booker's managing director, said: "We have every confidence in the performance for the year as a whole."

A & G SECURITY Electronics' pre-tax profit for the six months to January 31 slipped from £457,000 to £405,000 but the interim stays at 0.475p net a share. The shares rallied 2p to 70p on the chairman's optimism, though they are still barely half last year's peak.

SHARES of S & W Berisford dropped 5p to 166p on the chairman's statement that profits for the first half and full year would be down. Market estimates put profits at £75 million at the lowest.

Edited by Tony May

COMMODITIES

Copper: Cash £1,229.50 per tonne 3 months £1,250 per tonne.
Tin: Cash £9,991 per tonne: 3 months £10,905 per tonne.
Lead: Cash £304 per tonne: 3 months £313 per tonne.
Zinc: Cash £791 per tonne: 3 months £739 per tonne.
Silver: Spot 548p per troy oz: 3 months 566p.
Rubber: Spot 71p per kilo: Apr £740 per tonne; May £750 per tonne; June £760 per tonne.
Coffee: Mar £2,295 per tonne; May £2,334 per tonne; Jul £2,356 per tonne; Sep £2,395 per tonne; Nov £2,402 per tonne; Jan £2,365 per tonne.
Cocoa: Mar £2,100 per tonne; May £2,118 per tonne; Jul £2,085 per tonne; Sep £2,055 per tonne; Dec £1,952 per tonne. Mar £1,946 per tonne.

THE STOCK EXCHANGE

British Funds

(short) Treasury		
3pc 1985	98 7-64	+7-64
9½pc 88C	94 11/16	+¼
11¼pc 1985	99½	+1/16
(Medium) Transport		
3pc 78-88	83¼	+¼
Treasury		
10pc C98	a98 3/16	+3/16
Exchequer		
10pc 1989	94¼	+1
10½pc 1987	sp29½	
10½pc 1988	96¾	+¼
11pc 1990	97½	+1/16
11pc 1991	a95¼	+¼
11¾pc 1986	99 15/16	+⅛
12¼pc 1985	99½	+⅛
12¼pc 1990	a102¼	+¼
13½pc 1987	102⅞	+¼
10½pc 1987	s97 13/16	+⅛
13¼pc 1992	a107⅞	+¼
13¼pc 1994	114¼	+⅞
14pc 1988	103	+¼
2½pc 1986	89¼	
Funding		
5¼pc 87-91	a81⅞	+¼
6½pc 85-87	91	+⅛
Treasury		
10pc 1987	98 7/16	+1/16
2pc IL 88	a110⅞	
10½pc 1989	95¼	+1
3pc 1987	86¾	+¼
3pc 1988	85⅞	
5pc 86-89	a81½	+¼
7¾pc 85-88	91⅞	+¼
8¼pc 87-90	91½	+¼
10pc 90C	a92⅞	+⅛
8¼pc 84-86	96	
9½pc C89	a93 7/16	+1/16
10pc 1992	83⅛	+¼
10pc C92	100⅛	+¼
10½pc 87C	97½	+¼
11¾pc 1989	99⅞	+1/16
11¾pc 1991	101½	+1
12pc 1986	99¼	+⅛
13pc 1990	105 7/16	+1/16
(long) Exchequer		
10¼pc 1995	94¼	+¼
10½pc 1997	95¼	+¼
12pc 1998	109	+⅛
12pc 99-02	106⅞	+⅛
12pc 13-17	117	+⅛
12½pc 1990	103¼	+¼
12½pc 1999	a105¼	+¼
13½pc 1994	105¼	+¼
13¼pc 1996	114¼	+¼
15pc 1997	128¼	+¼
9¼pc 1998	91⅞	+¼
9¼pc 98A	92¼	+¼
Funding		
6pc 1993	77¼	+¼
3½pc 99-04	48	+¼
Treasury		
2pc IL 1996	114	
2½pc IL 2001	103¼	
2pc IL 2006	105¼	
2½pc IL 16	98½	
5½pc 08-12	59½	+¼
6¼pc 95-8	74¼	+¼
7¾pc 12-15	78¼	+¼
8pc 02-06	a79¼	+¼
8¾pc 1997	94¼	+¼
9pc 1994	90¼	+¼
9pc 1992-06	88¼	+¼
9½pc 1999	91	+¼
9½pc 88C	97	+¼
10½pc 1999	98¼	+¼
11¼pc 01-04	a104¼	+¼
11¼pc 03-07	103¼	+¼
12pc 1995	103¼	+1
12pc 1987	100 5/16	+¼
12¼pc 1983	108¼	+¼
12¼pc 2005	116¼	+¼
12½pc 1992	109¼	
12¾pc 1995	111	+¼
13pc 2000	114¾	+¼
13½pc 1997	112¾	+¼
13½pc 04-08	a171⅛	+¼
2½pc IL 2001	103¼	
2½pc IL 2011	107⅞	
2½ IL 2013	s99¾	
13¾pc 1993	114⅞	+¼
13¾pc 00-03	119¼	+¼
14pc 1996	115½	+¼
14pc 98-01	120¼	+¼
14½pc 1994	119¼	+¼
15¼pc 1996	128¼	+¼
15½pc 1998	a134¾	+1
2½pc 2020	a96¼	
Redemption		
3pc 86-96	a73¼	+1
Gas		
3pc 90-5	67¼	
(undated) Consols		
2½pc	a24¼	
4pc	36¾	+¼
Conversion		
3½pc	a42	+¼
10pc 02	a93¼	+¼
Treasury		
2½pc	a24	
3pc	a28¼	
War Loan		
3½pc	a35	+¼

Commonwealth Bnds

NZ		
7½pc 83-86	a96	
S Rhodesia		
2½pc 65-70	£180	

Corps & Boards

Manchester		
3pc 28	a£33¼	
Met. Water		
3pc 'B'	£37½	

Banks & Disc Hses

Allied Irish	113	
Ambacher H.	65	
ANZ Gp	288	-7
Bank Ireland	237	-5
Bnk Scot	472	
Barclays Bnk	a572	-2
Brown Ship	400	
CaterAllen	543	+5
Clive Dis	66	-1
First Nat	102	
Gerrard Nat	647	-2
Goode Dill	a101	+2
Guinness Pt.	77	+1
Hambros Shr	161	
Hill Sam	323	
H.K. Shai	92¼	-2
King Sz	184	
Kleinwort	470	
Lloyds	a549	+2
Mercury Sec	428	
Midland	a332	
Nat West	a612	+3
Ora Grm-A	73	
Ry. Bnk Scot.	a376	-2
Schroders	778	
S. St. Aub	67	-1
Std Chtrd	459	-5
Union Dis	a758	
Westpac	205	-5
Wintrust	a240	

Financial Trusts

Armour Tst	22	-¼
Aust Agr	270	
Brit Arrow	100	-1
Daily M Tr A	£11¼	-¼
Dalgety	500	-1
Exco	713	-5
Inchcape	440	-5
Lon Inv Tst	281	
M & G Hlgs	£41	+1
Mansen Fin	27	
Martin RP	435	
Nash Secs	30	
Prov Fin	a204	
Rothschild, J	107	
Sime Darby	80	+2
Smith Bros	96	
Wagon Fin	a73	+1

Breweries

Ald Lyons	177	-2
Bass	524	-3
Bell A	161	
Belhaven	48	
Bodd Brew	80	
Brown M	410	+5
Bulmer HP	139	
Davenport	248	
Devenish	550	
Distillers	289	-7
Fordhams	440	
Greenall W	171	-3
Greene King	154	
Guinness	282	-1
Highland Dis	77	
Higsons Brew	120	+2
Invergordon	134	
Marston Thos	66	
Scot Nw Brs	136	-1
Tny City Lnd	84	
Vaux Brew	283	
Whitbread A	194	
Whitbrd Inv	174	
Wolver Dud	298	

Comm & Ind

AAH	a138	
AC Cars	60	
AGB Res	a247	
Al Ind	45	
APV Hldgs	248	
Aaronson	a97	+1
Adwest	164	
Alcan Al	£23½	-¼
Allen WG	Suspended	
All Colloid	243	+2
All Plant	21	
Amber Day	12	
AMEC	248	
Amersham	349	-1
Amstrad	a72	+2
Anchor Ch	258	
Ang TV-A	a148	
Aqu-Inf	£92	
Appleyard	56	
Arenson	32	
Argyll Grp	271	
Arlington	171	
Austn Eq	35	
Arcolite	32	-4
Ash Lacy	412	
Ass Book	638	
Ass B Eng	12	+¼
Ass BFds	224	-2
AB Ports	246	-2
Ass Dairies	166	
Ass Eng	183	-1
Ass Fish	a108	+1
Ass News	820	-15
Ass Paper	208	-2
Astra	71	-1
Audiotronic	32	
Ault & W	43	-1
Avts Prod	56	-6
Avana	a614	
Avon Rbr	320	+2
BAT Ind	380	-15
BBA	75	
BPB Ind	285	+5
BSR	125	
BTR	724	-10
Babcock	146	-2
Bailey B	30	
Bailey CH	21	-¼
Baird (W)	340	-5
Bairstow	78	+2
Baker P	222	
Banro	93	
Barbican	31	
Barker Dob	81	-1
Barr & W A	100	
Barratt Dv	78	+12
Barrow HP	a42	-1
Bassett (G)	173	
Bath & Pt	289	
Beatson CK	173	+3
Beattie A	128	+1
Beazer	394	-2
Beckman (A)	92	
Beecham	361	-7
Bejam	180	
Benrose	165	
Bentalls	68	
Berisfd SW	a166	-5
Berisfords	105	
Bespak	218	-2
Bestobell	240	-8
Betec	72	+2
Bett Bros	64	
Bibby (J)	a250	
BICC	230	
Biddle	183	+3
Billam J	88	+3
Birmid Q	a88	+¼
B'ham Mint	205	
BL Ord	46	
Black P	a228	
Blkwd Hdg	251	-1
Blagden Inds	Suspended	
Bluebird	76	
Blue Circle	515	+5
Blundell P	a126	+1
BOC Grp	a302	+2
Bolton Txt	20	
Booker Mc	257	+8
Boosey H	134	
Boots	176	+4
Borthwick	38	
Boulton W	9	
Bowater	263	+1
Bowthorpe	229	+2
Braithwaite	122	
Brammer	320	
Brasway	48	-2
Brick Ind	a66	
Bridon	142	-1
Br Aero	388	+3
Br Bn Cln	71¼	
Br Car A	88	
BET dfd	a290	+2
BHS	270	+6
Br Mohair	127	-3
BPC	188	
Br Tar Prd	92	
Br Vending	59	+1
Br Vita	a180	+1
Brown Eng	18	-¼
Brook St	175	+3
Brown & J	77	
Brn Bv Knt	91	
Brown (J)	38	
Brown T'vst	126	+1
Brunning	153	
Bryant Hds	75	-1
Bryant	42	
BSG Intl	25	+1
Bullough	a520	
Bulmer, Lk	73	
Bund	a470	+2
Burco	26	+2
Burnett H	55	
Burns And	35¼	
Burton Ord	470	+6
Btold Bry	28	
Cable Wire	a545	+5
Caby Sch	184	-5
Cam Elec Ind	323	-2
Canford	a291	
Canning W	100	+1
Cape Inds	49	+1
Carclo Eng	241	+11
Carless Cpl	165	
Carpets Int	43	+¼
Carr (J)	53	+1
Carr's Mill	131	
Castel S	51	+1
Castings	82	-1
Cattle's	29¼	
Cav Rod	9½	
Cen & Sh	9	
Central TV	188	
C.H. Inds	57	
Ch'lain Phip	77	
Chem Ter	148	
Chloride	37	
Christie Tyl	47	
Christies Int	630	-10
Clay (R)	106	
Clyde Bwrs	130	
Coalite Ch	236	-2
Coates Ord	172	
Cortel 'A'	142	
Coats Pats	168	+3
BOO Group	39	
Collins Ord	730	
Collier 'A'	543	
Comben	77	
Comb Eng	127	+1
Cons	279	+2
Concentric	72	
Cookson	593	+5
Cooper Ind	118	
Cope Allman	189	+2
Corah	71¼	
Cosalt	62	
Costain Grp	338	
Countryside	a218	
Court Furn	a148	
Courtaulds	134	-2
Cow de Gt	a38	
Crest N'son	a91	
Croda Intl	144	+7
do dfd	106	+7
Crown Hse	158	
Crystalate	175	-1
DRG	170	
Dale Elec	a71	
Dalu Grtn	Suspended	
DPCE	a450	
Davis, HW	163	-3
Davies (G)	117	
Davy Corp	a115	+1
Dawes Int	296	+2
De La Rue	885	
Debenhams	216	+1
Dee Corp	213	+5
Delta Met	137	
Dartford St	138	
Desoutter	170	
Dewhirst	91	-2
Dewhurst & I	a38	
Diamond S	34	
Dixons Grp	629	+7
Dobson Pk	85¼	+¼
Dom Hlds	77	
Dominion Int	77	
Douglas R	52	
Dwdy Mills	651	
Dowty	a204	+2
Dubilier	178	
Dufay Bit	40	
Dunhill	333	
Dowlas	98	-1
Dupont	29	-1
ERF	38	
Este Prods	383	+5
Edbro	145	-3
Elbar Ind	30	
Elect Hldgs	83	
EIS	198	+8
Elect Compts	285	+2
Elect Mchs	a50	+1
Elect Rents	46	-1
Elliot B	74	+1
Ellis & Evd	250	+6
Ellis, Gold	77	
Elswick-H	108	
Emess Light	229	
Emray	101	+1
Empire Sts	108	+2
Eng China	a276	+4
Erith	62	
Eur Ferries	147	+1
do 5pc Prf	108	
Eurotherm	a332	+1
Exalibar	102	
Exp Metal	320	
Extel	107	-1
Farnell El	178	
FEB Intl	108	
Fenner	134	
Ferranti	158	+4
Ferguson	142	
Fine Art	82	+1
Finlan J	88	
Finlay J	142	-1
First Castle	a115	-1
First Leisure	a261	
Fisons	a373	+10
Fitch Lvll	a195	-1
Fleet	a275	-7
Folkes HV	281	
Ford (Mtr)	a45	-¼
Formfnstr	146	
Foseco M	258	+2
Foster Bros	224	+4
Fothergill	163	
Freemans	198	+2
Friedland Dt	198	
French T	73	
French Kr	113	-1
Galliford	a70	+1
Garford L	85	
Garton Eng	84	
Geers G	147	+1
GEI Intl	89	
Gen Elect	a198	+2
Gestetner-A	a98	-1
Gill & Duff	182	
Glaxo	£11 17/32	-9/64
Glasson	216	-2
Glynwed	201	+1
Golding (A)	49	
Gomme	45	
Grampian	113	
Granada	a192	
Grand Met	a268	-3
Gratton W	186	+2
GUS Ord	a805	+43
GUS 'A'	a784	+30
Greenbank	34	
Greenfield	42	
Greenall	13	
GKN	242	+8
HAT Grp	95	
HTV NV	143	
Habitat M	342	+4
Haden	308	
Hall Eng	124	
Hall (Mat)	308	
Halma	285	+2
Halstead J	89	
Hammerson	211	
Hanson Tr	223	
Hargreaves	107	+1
Harris Qwy	182	+4
Har & Cros	431	
Hartwells	96	
Hawker S	427	+16
Hawtin	a21¼	
Hepwth Cer	142	-2
Hepwth Ord	194	
Hestair	70	
Hewden S	41	+2
Hickling P	a62	
Hickson	488	
Higgs & H	293	
Hill & Sm	a76	+3
Hillards	a324	
Hollas Gp	a22	
Hollis Bros	65	
Holt Lloyd	88	
Home Charm	273	
Hopkinsons	163	
Horizon Tvl	133	-5
Hse of Frs	398	
Hse of Lrs	127	
How'd Mac	101	
Howden Gp	101	
Hudsct Jan	285	
Illwth Mrs	62	+1
Illwth Mrs A	61	+1
ICI	a777	-20
IMI	118	
Imperial Gp	a182	-3
Ingram H	145	-5
Initial	523	
Int Thmp-Or	547	-15
Jessups	75	+2
J'son Clnrs	434	
Johnson FB	171	
J'son Mthy	68	
Johnston	188	
Jones Sh	701	+1
Jones E	a60	
Jones Strd	a138	
Jourdan T	a128	
Kalamazoo	30	
Kennedy B	283	
Kenning	a109	
Kwikfit	33	
Kwik Save	180	
LCP	132	
LRC Int	a106	+1
Ladbroke	248	-4
Ladies Pr	a234	
Laing 'A'	218	+1
Laird Group	187	
Lake & Elt	77	
Lambert Hwth	215	
Laporte Ind	405	+2
Lawtex	71	
Lep Grp	253	
Lex Service	a204	
Leyland Pt	36	-¼
Lilley FJC	65	
Linread	31	
Lister	55	
Lloyd (FH)	54½	-1
Locker Thos	25	
Lonica	294	-5
L & M Ind	189	+2
Ldn Nor G	79¼	-¼
Lon Pk Htl	380	
Longton	92	
Lookers	a170	+1
Lovell YJ	a84	
Low & Bonar	a198	
Low (Wm)	403	+3
Lowe R H	583	
Lucas Inds	23	
MCD Grp	284	+1
MFI Furn	95	
MK Elec	a238	+3
MY Dart	280	
Macarthys	25	
McC'dale	a185	
Mackay (H)	e170	-3
McKechnie	22	
Magnet S	151	-1
Man Ag	a128	+8
Mchts Ship	154	
Manders	a291	
Mann Brs	181	
Manor Ntrs	a58	
Marks & Spen	121	
Marley	149	+5
Marling Ind	a88	+7
Marshalls H	87	+1
Marsh'l Un	a225	
Mrs-Bluxk	72	+2
Martin (A)	Suspended	
Martonair	55	
Matthews B	358	
Maunders J	309	
May & Hassl	130	+2
Maynards	89	
McAlpine A	255	
	a260	-4
Menzies J	238	
Metal Box	435	+12
Metal Clos	165	
Metalrax	65	+3
Metamec	Suspended	
Meyer	116	+4
Miller S	18	
Millets	128	
Ms Intl	45	
M & Allen	400	+10
Mitchell CT	74¼	
Molins	132	
Monk A	724	-2
More O'Fl	88	
Morgan Cr	218	
Moss Bros	645	
Mowlem	212	
Muirhead	a160	+4
Myson Grp	74	
NSS News	110	
Neepsend	15¼	+¼
Nell & Spcr	39	
Neill J	185	
Newarthill	610	
Newman-T	a92	+1
Newmark	200	
News Intl	665	+5
Nichols Vim	218	
Norcros	164	
North Eng	84¼	
N. Foods	238	-2
Norton Opax	133	-3
Nova Jkt	27	+1
Notts Manfg	224	+2
Nurdin & P	170	
Octopus Gp	810	
Office & El	160	
Ogilvy Mat	a351	-¼
Owen O	168	
Oxford Inst	a278	
Parker Knl 'A'	188	
Pstal Text	107	
Patterson Z	150	+17
do 'A'	150	+17
Pauls & W	393	
Pearson (S)	716	+2
Peel Hldgs	a340	
Peerless	a88	
Pegler-Htly	284	
Pentl'd Inds	482	+3
Pentos	42	
Petbow Hold	52	
Phicom	39	
Phillips	£15¼	
Phoenix Tmb	132	
Photo-Me	811	+12/32
Pifco Hlds	170	
Pilkington	305	+7
Pittard	116	
Planet Gro	78	
Plaxtons	10	
Plaxton S	61	
Pleasurama	426	
Plessey	a194	+2
Plysu	216	
Pochins	185	
Portals	585	+8
Porter Chad	110	
Powell Duff	395	
Pratt Fcy	277	
Preedy	104	
Pressac	111	-4
Priest (B)	10	
PoW Hlds	112	
Pritchard	84	
Prop Rev	188	+4
Queens Moat	58	+¼
Quick R&J	43	
Rax Hldgs	a364	-3
Racal Elect	214	+2
Ramar Txt	23½	-¼
Rank Org	a358	
Ranks Hov	153	
RHP	114	+1
Ransom SJ	878	
Ratclf (FS)	67	
Raybeck	29	
Readicut	27½	
Reckitt & Co	548	-2
Redfearn	83	
Redland	296	+7
Redman He	Suspended	
Reed (A)-A	107	+1
Reed Exec	133	
Reed Int	594	+4
Renold	454	
Rentokil	168	
Renwick	145	
Restmore	118	
Reuters	373	-7
Rexmore	23	
RFD Grp	97¼	+1
Rich Leich	41	
Rich Watt	79	
RMC Gp	394	+4
Roberts Adld	110	
Ropn (Ths)	50	
Rock PLC	11¼	+1
Rockware	56	+2
Ronsr H	154	+2
Rolaflex	182	
Rothmans In	190	-2
Rawlinson	32	
Rown Mack	383	+3
Ruberoid	206	
Rugby PC	127¼	
S & U Strs	20	
SGB Grp	a164	
Saatchi C	a930	-5
Sainsbury J	302	
Sale Tilney	530	+23
Samuel-A	78	
Sandhurst	78	
Sangers	a59	-1
Savile G	a89	
Savoy-'A'	391	
Scapa Group	505	
Scholes	410	+5
SEET	774	+2
Scotcros	Suspended	
Sears Hldgs	87¼	+1¼
Securicor	a237	-2
Securicor A	a234	-3
Security S	a234	-7
Seker Intl	54	
Sellncourt	23¼	
Senior Eng	24	-¼
Sherna	80	
Shaw Cpt	36	
Shiloh Sps	42	
Sidlaw	d158	
Silentnight	a37	
Simon Eng	258	
Sirdar	138	+1
Slotbley	380	
Smith DS	134	+1
Smith Hlds	42	
Smith&Neph	233	+1
Smith WH	216	+4
Smiths Inds	187	-1
Smurfit (J)	147	-1
Sols' Law	43	-1
Somv GW	35	
Spr & Jake	144	
Spirax-Sarco	270	
Squirrel H	30	
Staff Potts	93	
Stag Furn	60	
Stakis (R)	a183	
STC	a202	
Stanley AG	47	
Star Comp	38	+1
Steetley Ind	a322	-2
Std Sim-A	181	-2
Steel Bros	575	
Steetley	308	+2
Stainless	76	
Stewart Pl	108	
Stirling Grp	a76	
Stocklake	a135	
Stoth & Pit	120	
Strong & F	145	-1
Sumner	10¼	
Sterbenz Wal	59	
Sutcliffe	32	
TI Group	246	+2
TACE	a459	+2
Tarmac	508	+2
Tate & Lyle	438	
Tay Hom	50	
Tlr Woodrow	368	
Telefusion	a30	
Tele Rents	205	-3
Tesco	237	-1
Text Jersey	a72	
Thorn	412	+3
Thor Brdr	18	
Tomkins FH	a183	+1
Tootal	73¼	
Tr Hetlsne	a74	
TZ Kin Ml	34	
Trafalgar Hse	a348	-1
Trans Dv	130¼	+2¼
Travis & A	240	
Trident 'A'	a245	
Trinity	286	+1
Triplex FS	35	
Trusthouse	a154	
Turner & N	113	
Turriff	280	
UBM	139	
UKO Int	115	
Unigate	a156	-1
Unilever	£12 1/32	-9/32
Utd Bisc	a179	-1
Utd Parcels	92	
Utd News	310	-8
Utd Scient	a180	
Utd Wire	137	+1
Valor	210	+8
Vrnlvn	331	
VG Instr	390	
Viaroplast	136	
Vickers	a288	
Vict Carpt	36	
Volex	128	-2
WG	81	
Wadd J	580	-5
Wade Potts	119	
Wadkin	140	
Wagon Ind	a137	
Ward Hldgs	a184	
Ward White	235	
Waring & G	138	-8
Waterford	461	-1
Watts Blk	243	
Wedgwood	216	
Weir Group	501	-¼
Wellman Eng	13	
Westland	115	
Wettern	60	-2
Whessoe	100	
Whitecroft	144	-1
W'sale Fit	a265	
Widney	28	
Wigfall (H)	e115	+2
Wilkes (J)	208	
Wilms Cdl	201	
Wilms Hdgs	253	+2
Wimpey G	97	-1
Wolsey-Hughes	333	+3
Wolst Bz	276	
Woodhead	24	-1
Wilbes & Rd	a27	
Woolworth	687	+12
Yks Chem	84	+1

Insurance

Alexander	£26¼	-¼
Britannic	658	+3
Comm Un	198	+2
Equity & L	243	+7
Genl Accdt	588	+8
GRE	688	+7
Heath C E	885	
Hogg Rob'son	292	-8
Legal & Gn	628	
Lon & Mcr	669	+2
Lon Utd	286	+1
Marsh & Mcl	a£41	-3/32
Minet Hldgs	308	
Pearl	£11 5/64	+3/64
Prudential	548	+2
Refuge	328	+3
Royal	608	+12
Sedgwick	408	-1
S. Wrtsn	649	-2
Sun Al & L	455	+6
Sun Life	762	+5
Trade Indem	290	
Willis Fabr	585	-6
Windsor Sec	48	

Investment Trusts

Alliance Trst	a678	-12
Amr. Tr	148	-2
AA Secs C	a296	
Ashdown	a438	
Atlas AT	110	
Bankers In	102	
Brit Amer	a107	
Brit Assets	a205	-2
Brit IT	373	
City & Cml	36	
Cons Vent	120	
Derby Inc	100	
Derby Cap	102	
Drayton Japn	a413	-3
Drayton Cons	291	
Drayton Prem	a408	
Edin Am	a214	-4
Electra	251	-1
Eng & Int	251	
F & C Pac	160	
F & C Allian	95	-1
Family IT	a210	+4
First Union	a170	
Fleming F.E.	317	
Fleming Mer	a117	
Fleming Ovs	125	
Fleming Tech	159	-2
For & Col	a140	
Fundinvest	41¼	
Fundinvest C	325	
Gen Funds	a615	
Gen Stock	180	
Globe IT	259	-3
Hambros	161	
Hill (P) IT	a246	-1
Inv in Suc	a540	
Jove Cap	18¼	
do Inc	83	
Law Deb C	189	
Lon. Gar	315	-3
Ldn. M.Sec	71	+1
M & G Inc	306	
M & G Cap	488	
Merchants	97	
Murray Inc	116	
do 'B'	11½	+1
Murray Grth	a95	-1
Murray Int	a127	-1
Murray Sml	188	-1
do 'B'	184	
Murray Vent	292	
N'Thr Inc	38	
N'Thr Cap	31	+¼
River & M	a133	
Robeco	£17¼	-¼
Rolinco	£16¼	-¼
Scot Amer In	a223	-1
Scot North	124	-1
Sec Alliance	a590	-6
Shires IT	a240	
Smaller CPS	77	
Stockholders	138	-1
Tr Aust IT	88	-2
Tr Ind Gen	151	-1
Tr Tech IT	95	-1
Tr Tr Trustee	133	-1
Throgm Tr	a232	
Tryest Inc	77¼	
Tryest Cap	765	+5
Viking	78	-1

SA Mines

AA Corp	$11¼	+¼
AA Gold	$87¼	+3¼
Blyvoor GM	$9 9/16	+¼
Bracken M	a200	+12
Buffs GM	$39¼	+3
Doornfntn	$14¼	+¼
Driefontein	$26¼	+1¼
E Rand Pr	$7¼	+¼
Fr Stt Ged	$24¼	+2
Gencor	a$12¼	+1
GSFA	a$15¼	+1
Groot Prop	$8¼	+¼
Harmony	$14¼	+¼
Hartebeest G	565c	+47
Joburg C In	$58¼	+2¼
Kloof GM	$87¼	+1¼
Leslie GM	a280c	+20
Loraine	335c	+25
Mid Wit	$9¼	
Pres Brand	$25¼	+2¼
Pres Steyn	$28	+6
Randfontn	$97¼	+6
St Helena	$18¼	+1
SA Land	273c	+10
Stlfnt GM	$9¼	+3
Vaal Reefs	$37	+6
Vent GM	$8¼	+1
Vlakfntn	148c	-15
Welkom	$7 5/16	+¼
W Rand C	$4¼	+1/16
W Deep L	$38¼	+2¼
Wstn Hgs	$31	+2¼
Winkelhk	a$31	+1

Mining

A-A Inv T	£40¼	+¼
Ayer Htm	a275	-10
Br Hill Pry	a350	-8
Charter Con	200	
Cons Gold	a509	+15
Cons Murch	$5¼	
De Beers Pf	581	-1
De Beers dfd	408	+2
Hmp GMA	a198	+8
M'Isa T Dr	53	-2
Mnsa (Tr)	113	
MTD (Man)	15	
Minorco	724	-11
Nth B Hill	140	-2
Rio Tinto Z	657	+15
Tronoh Mns	300	-10
Vogels IGT	a110	
W Mining Co	222	-1
Zinc Cpp	17¼	

New Issues

BR Telecom	134¼	-1
Jaguar	a342	-15
Ogdry	68	
Our Price	a366	
Robertson R	240	

a Ex dividend
b Offer assented
c Not assented
d Ex capital
e Ex rights
f Price adjusted
np Part Paid

Oil

April Pet	80	-3
Brit-Borneo	315	
Bristol	27	
BP	a536	+3
Britoil	220	+5
Burmah	210	+8
Century	77	-2
Charterhall	49	
Ch'ouse Pet	112	+1
Clyde Pet	93	
Enterprise	193	
Hunting Pt	134	
Imp C Gas	358	+12
LASMO Ops	510	
LASMO Ord	335	-3
Petrocon	208	+6
Premier Con	a50¼	+¼
Ryl Dutch	£47 7/16	-1¼
Shell Trns	738	-17
Tricentrol	e216	+1
Ultramar	218	

Property

Allied Londn	108	
Bellway	116	
Bilton (P)	236	+4
Bradford Pro	410	
Brit Land	149	+2
Brixtn Est	132	+2
Cap & Cnt	212	
Ctrvcl Est	a240	+12
Chesterfield	450	+5
Connells Est	105	
Control Sec 1	a32	
Daejan	a330	+20
Est Prp Inv	a150	+2
Evans-Leeds	73	+1
Grt Port E	180	+2
Greycoat	218	+4
Hmrsn-A	505	+5
Haslemere	500	+2
Laing Prop	310	+10
Land Sec	308	+6
Lynton	323	-2
Marlborough	54	+1
MEPC	313	+6
Mountleigh	a285	+5
Mountview	a345	+10
Mucklow	83	+1
Peachey Pr	a247	+2
Prop Hldg	132	+1
Prop Sec In	a132	+2
Raglan	71	
Rush & T	236	+10
Samuel Prop	154	+1
Scot Met P	89	
Slough Ests	183	+2
Sterling	70	
Stock Conv	a488	+3
Trafford Pk	215	+2
Utd Real	a510	+5
Warnford	a415	-5
Webb (J)	a23	

Rubber

Barlow Hlds	a116	-1
Grnd Cent	12	
High & Low	92	-2

Shipping

Br & Com	276	+3
Common Br	76	-4
Hunting G	95	
IOM Stm	136	+3
Jacobs (J)	59¼	
LOFS	31	+1
Ocean T & T	167	
P & O Dfd	a360	+2
Reardon 'A'	5¼	
Runciman	97	

Tea & Coffee

Camellia	£24¼	+1
Lawrie	£17¼	+2¼

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

TOURIST RATES — BANK SELLS

Austria	25.60	Greece	154.00	Portugal	196.00
Belgium	73.75	Ireland	1.18	Spain	201.00
Canada	1.54	Italy	2310	Sweden	10.46
Denmark	13.14	Malta	0.54	Switzerland	3.10
France	11.16	Netherlands	4.12	USA	1.12
Germany	3.64	Norway	10.52	Yugoslavia	268

STERLING RATES

	Closing Market Rates	Previous Closing Rates	FORWARD RATES (One month)
Australia	1.6535–1.6565	1.5860–1.5890	
Austria	26.11–26.22	25.90–25.99	17.125 to 15.75 groschen prem.
Belgium	74.72–74.97	74.19–74.34	24c to 18c premium
Canada	1.5596–1.5658	1.5263–1.5317	0.45c to 0.35c prem.
Denmark	13.31–13.35	13.20–13.22	2.75 to 1.75 ore premium
France	11.35–11.39	11.27–11.30	3.375c to 2.625c premium
Germany	3.71–3.72	3.69–3.70	2.625 to 2.375 pfennig prem.
Greece	156.25–159.41	153.90–157.00	
Hong Kong	8.87–8.89	8.56–8.57	
Ireland	1.1935–1.1945	1.1850–1.1860	
Italy	2,355.88–2,365.72	2,332–2,342	Par to 3 lire discount
Japan	291.03–291.88	287.28–287.78	
Netherlands	4.20–4.21	4.17–4.18	2.625c to 2.25c premium
Norway	10.63–10.68	10.55–10.59	2.375 to 1.625 ore prem.
Portugal	206.09–209.87	204.28–207.88	130 to 475 escudos discount
Spain	206.26–206.97	204.55–205.00	
Sweden	10.61–10.66	10.48–10.52	0.75 ore prem to 0.125 ore dis
Switzerland	3.15–3.16	3.13–3.14	2.375c to 2c premium
USA	1.1355–1.1375	1.1060–1.1075	0.48c to 0.46c premium

Dollar cross rates against: Swiss franc 2.78; French franc 10.01; DM 3.27; yen 256.40

INTEREST RATES

UK HIGH STREET %

Bank deposit: 8.5–9
Bank base rate: 14
Bank overdraft: 15–17
Building society mortgages: 12.5–13
Building society: 7.75
Finance house rates: 12.5

UK MARKETS

	7 day	1 month	3 months	6 months
Treasury bills	—	13 9/16	12 15/16	—
Eligible bills	—	13 13/32	12½	11¾
Interbank rate	14¼	13 9/16	13¼	12¾
Discount market	14	—	—	—

INTERNATIONAL MONEY MARKETS

	1 month	3 months	6 months
Eurodollar	9	9¾	10
Euro DM	5 13/16	6 3/16	6 7/16
Euro Fr fr	10 13/16	11 3/16	11¾
Euro SW fr	5¼	5 11/16	5 15/16

US INTEREST RATES: Federal Funds 8 9/16 US prime rates 10½

Britain to go for Olympic goal

OLYMPIC GAMES

A BRITISH bid for the Olympic Games of 1992 now looks inevitable. The money needed to set the wheels in motion is not yet on the table but the telephone calls to the Chairman of the British Olympic Association, Charles Palmer, have hardly stopped over the last few days.

The BOA met in London yesterday and made all the encouraging signs they could to assist any British city which wishes to bid. At the moment they have had communications with Manchester and Birmingham and one from London is anticipated imminently. None has yet laid down definitive plans.

When Palmer was asked whether money or time was more important, he conceded that it was in fact a question of whether the BOA and the city could put together a viable application in time. The International Olympic Committee which will make its decision for the 1992 venue in October next year requires the names of candidate cities by May 15. The IOC is pressing the British Association to come to a reasonable judgment on the question of their best candidate.

Palmer made it clear that any bid from Britain would have to include a viable Olympic village to accommodate between 15,000 and 18,000 people. "In my conversation with the President of the IOC, Juan Antonio Samaranch, he made it clear that without a single village, no candidate would have much chance of success."

"We are therefore looking for someone to build another Milton Keynes," he said.

The President of the BOA, Princess Anne, attended the meeting of the Association and was part of a unanimous decision to make a bid. She was also supportive of the argument that no city in the country at present has the sort of indoor facilities — arenas with a capacity of 10,000 people or more — which are required for Olympic competitions. "There is a real shortage in Britain of indoor facilities of Olympic standard," Palmer said.

In the last two days there have been further initiatives from Manchester, indicating that they now have money for a feasibility study, while from the London Docklands there is a new move which would wipe away the refurbishment of the Olsen shed, which was to have been a major new indoor arena. Instead, American money will pay to build a structure comparable to the Moscow Peace arena which could be divided so that events such as boxing and volleyball could be held at the same time.

John Rodda

Marcyn Williar

Reeling Wales delay their team selection

RUGBY UNION

THE SHAMROCK clusters have been swept away from the Cardiff streets but the Welsh inquiry and depression continues after the Irish win.

Disappointment allied to incredulity that Wales squandered so much possession has prompted many to call for sweeping changes in the Welsh XV for Paris but the less vengeful would be satisfied with two or three.

The men responsible for selection have delayed naming the team until Monday morning, after the weekend of Cup semi-finals. What positive information they will gather so late in the season is difficult to imagine.

Cardiff, beaten only once in their last 25 Cup games meet Pontypool at Newport. It should be a much closer contest than the runaway 24-6 win for Pontypool a week last Saturday. The international season has denied Cardiff opportunity of full club training sessions, and they are unhappy about the congestion of Cup and international commitments.

Against club opposition Pontypool have a record second to none; their last defeat was against Neath 13 months ago. When they won the Cup in 1983 they defeated Cardiff in the fourth round, but Cardiff's record against the Gwent men in recent years of the Cup has been impressive.

Saturday's game will see the return to scrum half of David Bishop to do battle with the Cardiff captain, Terry Holmes, but perhaps more significantly Alan Phillips as Cardiff hooker, missing from the recent Cardiff rout at Pontypool, should be fit and scrummaging experience and throwing in ability will stiffen Cardiff's resolve.

In the other semi-final against Bridgend and Llanelli at St Helen's, it is the re-enactment of a tussle played several times before. The clubs have met five times in previous semi-finals, Llanelli winning the first two and Bridgend the last three, with four of them played on the Swansea ground.

Bridgend, who have played some woeful rugby of late, welcome back a full strength team for Saturday. Two injury doubtfuls, Michael Budd and Glen Webbe, have reported fit and, with Howell Davies, Mark Titley and Ian Stephens back in the fold, they could surprise the fancied Scarlets.

Llanelli, when at full strength have proved a handful for most clubs, but are concerned about the lack of penetration in midfield.

This match should provide the running battle, whereas the Newport match will give the forward fans a thoroughly engrossing afternoon. It is also worth noting that after Wyatt's unhappy experiences at the Arms Park that all four semi-final clubs boast prolific kickers.

Peter Lewis (322 points), Gareth Davies (307), Gary Pearce (262) are among the top five point scorers in Wales, and only injury has prevented Howell Davies (174) from joining them. The Cup final line up on April 27 may yet depend on the consistency of the boot.

PHILLIPS . . . fit for Cardiff

Donald Stewart

Tukalo's struggle

Iwan Tukalo, the young Selkirk wing who appeared to have such a promising international future when he played against Ireland, is still not certain whether he will be fit enough for Scotland's short tour to North America in May.

The hamstring injury, which sent him home in a taxi from training at Murrayfield as his former teammates were setting off for the game against France in Paris nearly five weeks ago, has failed to respond to rest and treatment.

Apart from causing him to miss probably three international matches, it has forced him also to withdraw from the Irish Wolfhounds party who will be leaving next Monday to take part in the prestigious Hong Kong seven-a-side tournament.

"I think I may have tried too hard to get myself fit for the internationals," he said. "Each time I restarted training, the trouble in my leg flared up again. It has been a bit of a nightmare. I saw the Scottish Rugby Union doctor yesterday and was advised to rest for a further three weeks."

Tukalo had been hoping to play for his club in the early sevens tournaments in the Borders, but that now looks doubtful. "I am keeping my fingers crossed that I will be all right for the North American trip."

It has undoubtedly been an injury-riddled season for both Scotland and the Selkirk club, each of whose five international players has been affected. John Rutherford and Iain Paxton had knee trouble in the early months, Gregor Mackenzie broke an ankle during a Scotland training session, *and Gordon Hunter collected a* back injury in the Calcutta Cup match.

Mackenzie has only just had the plaster removed and is hoping to get back into training quickly. If he can prove his fitness in time he must be a possible candidate for the Scottish tour.

Barrie Fairall

Patch-up match

Gloucester and Bath, who will be knocking chunks out of each other in their John Player Cup semi-final at Kingsholm on Saturday, are having problems patching up their troops in time for the West Country battle.

Tim Smith, prolific scorer and fullback in the quarter-*final tie with Harlequins*, pulled a hamstring and left the field during Gloucester's victory over Cheltenham on Monday night. Also feeling the strain are Marcus Hannaford, scrum-half, and John Brain, lock, who have strained backs.

Mike Nicholls, Gloucester's team secretary, says: "They are all important players and we would not like to be without any of them against Bath."

Bath, meantime, have problems of their own concerning the England centre Simon Halliday. Having pulled a hamstring in the last round at Sale, Halliday sits this one out and Bath bring in Alun Rees to partner John Palmer.

On a more cheerful note, Bath will have Nigel Redman at lock. To date an England *one-cap wonder, Redman* has been cleared to play after cracking a bone in his hand in the Sale match.

● France have made two changes in the team to face Wales in their final match of the International Championship in Paris on Saturday week. Alain Lorieux replaces Francis Haget injured in the draw against Ireland, at lock. Eric Bonneval comes in on the right wing for Laurent Pardo.

GOLF

David Davies in Las Vegas

Golf's richest jackpot

THE RICHEST, the rowdiest, the raunchiest tournament in the world of professional golf begins today in Las Vegas. It is the Panasonic Invitation, worth $1,042,000 in total and $171,000 to the winner.

In all, 144 professional golfers will play against 576 amateurs over five rounds on three courses in the middle of the Nevada Desert. The three host clubs have painted the brown Bermuda grass that forms their fairways green in order to add some verisimilitude to a scene that was rapidly becoming unreal.

Twenty of the top 25 US tour money winners are here, including Tom Watson, but not Jack Nicklaus; Fuzzy Zoeller, but not Seve Ballesteros; of the Europeans, Sandy Lyle, Bernhard Langer and Ken Brown are hoping that their luck, in a place which is built on denying that commodity a look-in, will change.

Las Vegas is, of course, mostly a mirage. But there are some severe practicalities here this week in the shape of big bucks, and if someone contrives to win both this event and the Tournament Players' Championship next week, they will be more than $300,000 richer. Except, that is, Mark O'Meara, in which case he will be $550,000 richer.

O'Meara is the only man in the field eligible for a special Panasonic prize of $250,000 for the man who combines winning this tournament with either the Bob Hope or the Bing Crosby events. O'Meara won the latter and it is a measure of how much money there is on the US tour these days that Lanny Wadkins who won the Hope has not bothered to enter here.

But the field is a strong one, buoyed up by all that money, much of which comes from the amateurs. They pay $2,500 each and a simple calculation shows that they contribute $1,440,000. This is something like a third of what it takes to promote the tournament, there being all kinds of additional costs to the prize money. For instance, the amateurs register in a carpeted, flag-and temporary tree-bedecked sports hall that normally houses four tennis courts. In the centre is a gazebo where a five-piece jazz band, themselves bedecked in boaters and red-and-white striped waistcoats, play continuously.

As they do so, the amateurs help themselves to a day-long buffet of either Italian or Mexican food, with as much wine, beer or spirits as they want. If they want chocolate or ice cream there are stands for that too.

They get given a goodies bag, a huge carry-all which contains, among other things, a radio, a half case of wine, a ladies' gold plated manicure set and a telephone.

Last year the victor was Denis Watson, although the year before Zoeller confounded all the norms by taking on both the tournament and the town, and winning. This year? Well, Tom Watson is due a win, as are Tom Kite, Craig Stadler and Greg Norman and that, even in a place like Vegas, is about as good as you can say in golf.

STRAINING FOR EFFECT . . . From right: Seth Lesser at cox and Reininger at stroke set the pace for Bill Lang, Graham Jones and Phil Hare during training for the big event on April 6 Picture by Kenneth Saunders

Christopher Dodd meets Fran Reininger as the Dark Blues prepare for the Boat Race

Different stroke for Oxford

ROWING

EVERY Oxford oarsman must be relieved that the crew's latent form revealed itself at the Reading Head of River Race last weekend, when they covered the ground a respectable 17 seconds faster than Leander, a crew much improved after a thorough beating by Cambridge a week earlier. Oxford's prospects for the Boat Race on April 6 now look at least near-equal to those of Cambridge.

Oxford know that Cambridge's tails are up. Before the dark blues went to Reading their stroke, Fran Reininger, said: "They're definitely faster and sharper, and I don't want to be the stroke who loses our first race in ten years."

Reininger has had difficulty fitting into Oxford. His schooling in Japan and his qualifications in nuclear and electrical engineering, collected at the US Coast Guard Academy, the Florida Institute of Technology and the University of Pennsylvania, took him to many rowing centres and into some high-level American crews before he came to study international relations at University College and occupy the stroke seat.

"As a stroke I expected to set the way, to tell the other guys what I was trying to do", he says. "But plenty of them here have ideas of their own, and I've had to change my own style to fit in with them. I've changed the way I row about three times so far."

Reininger does not mince his words when discussing the other crew members. "There are several philosophers and at least three people who can't get themselves organised," he says. "Every crew has one, but three is kinda hard to take."

He is pleased that the coxswain, Seth Lesser is American, because they speak the same language; but even so, he does not always hit it off with the cox. Nor does the Olympic oarsman Bill Lang, in the No. 7 seat, who is not reticent about making his views felt.

Being governed by an undergraduate president who chooses the crew and has the power of hire-and-fire over coaches is something which Reininger, steeped in the tradition of American campuses, where professionals run everything, finds impossible to understand. His president is Lynton Richmond, who turned 22 last *week and who has assembled a colourful* crew to try and extend Oxford's run of wins to 10.

Richmond is at a disadvantage because he is not a Blue, but he has last year's mature Australian president, Graham Jones, on board for advice, and receives tremendous, continuing support from the chief coach, Dan Topolski, the architect of Oxford's rowing revival.

Richmond has picked Bruce Philp who will become the first man to change sides in the Boat Race. Surely it is risky to have a man who has lost two Boat Races and been dropped once by Cambridge?

"No," Richmond says. "I thought it very courageous of Bruce to turn up at training sessions among people who regarded him as enemy." And Philp has kept his sense of humour, listing his interests in the Boat Race programme as "Burgess, MacLean and Philby."

Philp and Reininger are impressed with the Oxford coaching machine, particularly with the talents of Mike Spracklen, who guided Britain's coxed four to an Olympic gold. The crew are presently at Pangbourne with Steve Royle, who seems to be converting a raw steam-hammer into a locomotive. "The pattern of this Boat Race," Royle says, "may well be that Cambridge will lead and Oxford will get there in the end."

Reininger says he would rather be where he is than where Cambridge are: "If they peak too soon, they've had it. There's nothing they can do. We've got something to go for."

The crew have this week with Royle before the final fortnight with Topolski, sometimes called Toppleoffski by his friends. In this touch-and-go year, his crew may yet do so.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Paul Fitzpatrick

Fulham try out new home

Fulham will play Runcorn Highfield at the Central London Polytechnic ground, Chiswick, on Sunday, and there is the possibility that this could become their permanent home from next season.

After starting life at Craven Cottage, Fulham moved to Crystal palace last summer when they were taken over by the Maidenhead businessman, Roy Close. But the stadium has proved less than ideal for Rugby League, and attendances this season are under 1,000.

Roy Lester, Fulham's manager, said that moving back to the club's traditional area of West London, was an "exciting development", and the experiment of playing Runcorn there would test the reaction of the supporters.

Optimism about Fulham's future has risen since Close received £25,000 of the £27,000 he was seeking from the liquidator after a High Court action last year.

CRICKET

Positive moves on Botham

Both the Test and County Cricket Board and Somerset, who reappointed Ian Botham as their captain — while also giving him a severe reprimand — on Monday night, appear to have acted with concern but also commonsense over the possibility of drugs in cricket.

Botham's conviction for possessing cannabis and the allegations of drug-taking during England's tour of New Zealand and Pakistan last winter are not sufficient reasons for believing that the majority of players lie around dressing-rooms smoking pot all day. They are, however, worrying enough to merit concern.

Thus, the TCCB gave a positive lead by initiating an examination — among other things — into the possibility of a drugs problem. If they find there is no cause for concern, then all is well and good. But they deserve credit for acting swiftly to protect the image of the game.

In the wake of the TCCB's reaction Somerset's reappointment of their captain — by a substantial if not unanimous vote — is suitably compassionate. No doubt if Somerset had wanted to sack Botham, they *would have had* to consider the possibility of litigation. But, while some extremists might be annoyed, the club could have done more harm if they had been hysterical about Botham's transgressions and had hounded him out of office.

There is no doubt that Botham has harmed the game's good name, a fact that he has acknowledged by saying that it is now up to him to try to set the highest standards for youngsters to follow. He has been given his warning and that, for the moment, was probably all that was required.

Paul Fitzpatrick

● Queensland just failed to land their first Sheffield Shield title when they were beaten by one wicket by New South Wales in the final in Sydney yesterday. Peter Clifford, who hit a painstaking 83, was the mainstay of the NSW second innings.

TENNIS

David Irvine

Wood's best victory

HOBBS . . . semi-final defeat

The 17-year-old Clare Wood, a Sussex schoolgirl who has been rated by Virginia Wade *as one of Britain's brightest* prospects, scored the most satisfying success of her career yesterday with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Anne Hobbs, ranked 62 in the world, to reach the final of the £3,000 Tate and Lyle championship at Bramhall.

Miss Wood, a sixth former at St Bede's, Upper Dicker, lost 7-5, 7-5 to Miss Hobbs in the national championships last October after missing chances to win both sets. "I was determined not to have a repeat performance today," she said.

Two matches in one day — she had to survive two tie breaks to beat Joanna Griffiths in the quarters — proved too much for the British No 2 who was playing her first competitive event since contracting shingles last November.

Miss Wood's final opponent today will be Sara Gomer, the British No 6, who served six second set aces to overwhelm her fellow Devonian Jo Louis 6-2, 6-1 in the other semi-final. Last month Miss Gomer won $4,000 by reaching the last 32 of the Players International in Florida but has chosen to use domestic events to work on her game.

TATE AND LYLE WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT (Bramhall). — Singles, Quarter-finals: A. Hobbs (Cheshire) beat J. Griffiths (North Wales) 7-6, 7-6; C. Wood (Sussex) beat B. Borneo (Bedfordshire) 6-3, 6-3; J. Louis (Devon) beat J. Holden (Yorkshire) 6-2, 6-3; S. Gomer (Devon) beat S. Sullivan (Essex) 7-5, 6-3.

LORRAINE G P (Nancy).—Men's Singles, First Round (US unless stated): T. Hogstedt (Swe) beat B. Drewett (Aust) 6-0, 6-2; R. Harmon beat Bourne 6-0, 6-2; J. Frawley (Aust) beat J. Potter (Fra) 7-5, 6-4; M. Bahrami (Iran) beat D. Visser (SA) 6-7, 6-2, 6-3; M. de Palmer beat E. Winogradsky (Fra) 3-6, 7-6, 6-4; T. Wilkison beat J. Navratil (Czech) 6-3, 6-4. B. Derlin (NZ) beat G. Rivas (Arg) 6-1, 6-3; H-P. Kandler (Aus) beat S. Giammalva 6-1, 6-2; S. Shaw (GB) beat W. Masur (Aust) 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

BADMINTON

Dilip Rao

China make challenge

FROST . . under pressure

Until the emergence in the last six months of a particularly exciting player in the left-handed Zhao Jianhua, from China, there would have been little doubt about Morten Frost, of Denmark, retaining the men's singles title at the Yonex All-England championships, beginning today at Wembley Arena.

Zhao is seeded to play the final against Frost, champion also in 1982 and runner-up in 1983. Frost, for all his fitness and experience must fear the new challenger who has beaten him not only in the clammy heat of Hong Kong but also in the cold of Edinburgh and Tokyo.

While the mixed doubles present England the only realistic hope of a title, there was, on the basis of recent results, high expectation of some notable performances from home challengers in the other events.

For tre first time in four years, England can boast a men's singles seed in Steve Baddeley, but Baddeley who meets Hendry, a tenacious little Indonesian in the first round, has only just recovered from an ankle injury.

The women's singles will be dominated by the Chinese, who occupy five of eight seedings. But England's Helen Troke should at least play in the quarter-finals and probably go further if she can shed the inhibitions over her short game.

SPEEDWAY: Sunbrite Smokeless Fuels are to sponsor the world individual championships at the redeveloped Bradford Odsal stadium.

SOCCER IN BRIEF

IMON STAINROD is set to ake his Sheffield Wednesday ebut tonight against Notting-am Forest, a month after his 260,000 signing from QPR.

Wednesday's manager How-rd Wilkinson said yesterday: He's been working hard since e came. He has lost between 9 and 12 pounds and is being rought on by the staff."

OVENTRY'S manager Don Iackay has pulled his central efender, Ian Butterworth, out f the England Under-21 squad nd criticised the FA for not hecking on his fitness. Butterworth broke a bone in is foot three months ago and as played only one reserve atch since.

ILLWALL'S match at Bourne-outh on May Day has been ostponed for fear of hooligan pporters rampaging through he South Coast resort over he Bank Holiday weekend. The decision, taken by Bourne-mouth's board yesterday, was praised by a police spokesman.

NORTHAMPTON have rejected approaches for a link with Gola League Kettering Town. Northampton will continue with their own plans, aimed at making the club more secure at the County Ground they share with Northamptonshire Cricket Club.

THREE senior internationals are in the Republic of Ireland's Under-21 squad to face England at Fratton Park on Monday. They are defender Ciaran O'Regan, and strikers John Byrne and Kevin O'Callaghan.

The only surprise is the in-*clusion of Bristol Rovers' Mark* O'Connor, a left-sided midfielder who has never received representative recognition at any level.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND U-21 SQUAD.—Kelly (Newcastle), O'Neill (Bohemians), O'Regan (Brighton), Coyle (Limerick City), Pender (Wolves), O'Doherty (Crystal Palace), Irwin, Sheridan (both Leeds), Kennedy (Portsmouth), Collins (Southampton), Donnellan (Chelsea), O'Connor (Bristol R), D. Neal (Millwall), Dennings (Liverpool), Mooney (Liverpool), Byrne (QPR), O'Callaghan (Portsmouth).

RESULTS

Table Tennis

COMMONWEALTH CHAMPIONSHIPS (Douglas, IOM). — MEN: Hong Kong beat Canada 5-2; Nigeria beat India 5-3; New Zealand beat Scotland 5-0; Pakistan beat Trinidad and Tobago 5-2; Jamaica beat Jersey 5-0; Isle of Man beat Zimbabwe 5-2.

WOMEN: Jamaica beat Zimbabwe 3-0; Hong Kong beat India 3-0; Australia beat Nigeria 3-2; N Ireland beat Isle of Man 3-0; England beat Canada 3-1; Wales beat Jersey 3-1; New Zealand beat Scotland 3-1; N Ireland beat Guernsey 3-0; Jersey beat Zimbabwe 3-1; Wales beat Isle of Man 3-0; Australia beat Scotland 3-0; Nigeria beat New Zealand 3-1.

Semi-finals: England beat India 3-2. England beat Canada 5-0; India beat Wales 5-0; Zimbabwe beat Papua New Guinea 5-2.

Tennis

ROTTERDAM GP. — Men's Singles, First Round: R. Krishnan (India) beat Z. Kuharszky (Hun) 0-6, 7-6, 6-2; J. Nystrom (Swe) beat S. Meister (US) 6-0, 6-1; T. Smid (Czech) beat H. Guenthardt (Switz) 6-1, 7-6.

Basketball

NATIONAL ASSOCATION.—Utah 136, Golden State 125; Denver 113, Dallas 111; Los Angeles 136, Detroit 116.

Golf

AVIA WOMEN'S FOURSOMES (The Berkshire).—First Round Leaders: 74, A. Uzielli (Berks), E. Boatman (Colchester). 75, C. Caldwell (Sunningdale), L. Simpson (Truro), V. Thomas (Pennard), M. Rawlings (Bargoed). 76, L. Bayman (Berks), M. Garner (Portstewart), C. Swallow (Howley Hall), S. Dubig (Gillingham).

Bowls

PRUDENTIAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (Hartlepool).—Fours, Quarter-finals: Cambridge Park 25, Wey Valley, Guildford 12; Arun Bognor 10, Stanley 27; North Walsham 21, Cambria 17; Peterborough 16, Hartlepool 22.

Triples, First Round: Clevedon 23, Nottingham 9; Paddington 22, Great Yarmouth 20; Lakenheath 14, Rugby 24.

CIS WOMEN'S CH'SHIP (Glasgow). — Wales 138, Ireland 90; England 116, Scotland 100.

Ice Hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE.—Quebec 8, Boston 4; Toronto 4, St Louis 3; Calgary 4, Minnesota 4.

FIXTURES

Soccer

(7.30 unless stated)

EUROPEAN CUP—Quarter-finals, Second Leg: Liverpool v. Austria Vienna; Sparta Prague v. Juventus (3.30); Dnepropetrovsk v. Bordeaux, postponed, playing tomorrow; Panathinaikos v. Gothenburg (6.0).

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP—Quarter-finals, Second Leg: Fortuna Sittard v. Everton (6.30); Dynamo Moscow v. Larisa (4.0); Roma v. Bayern Munich (2.0); Rapid Vienna v. Dynamo Dresden (6.30).

UEFA CUP—Quarter-finals, Second Leg: Videoton v. Manchester United (4.0); Dynamo Minsk v. Zeljeznicar Sarajevo (4.0); Cologne v. Inter Milan (7.0); Real Madrid v. Tottenham (8.0).

CANON LEAGUE: First Division.—Newcastle v. Leicester; Nottingham F v. Sheffield Wed. Third Division.—Newport v. York. Fourth Division.—Hereford v. Chesterfield.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier Division.—Celtic v. Hearts. First Division.—Motherwell v. Airdrie. Second Division.—Stenhousemuir v. Berwick; Stranraer v. Queen's Park.

GOLA LEAGUE. — Boston Utd. v. Telford Utd; Gateshead v. Barrow; Maidstone v. Nuneaton. Bob Lord Trophy. Third Round: Kettering v. Altrincham.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE CUP. — Semi-final, First Leg: Grantham v. Goole.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE.—Oswestry v. Witton Alb.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE. — Premier Division: Alvechurch v. Willenhall; RS Southampton v. Cheltenham; Shepshed v. Welling Utd.

CENTRAL LEAGUE. — First Division (7.0): Aston Villa v. Notts Co; Blackburn v. Derby; Coventry v. Barnsley.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION (2.0) — Bristol Rovers v. Swindon; Millwall v. Reading.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE. — Midland Division: Oldbury v. Moor Gn; Sutton Coldfield v. Hednesford; VS Rugby v. Stourbridge. Southern Division: Addlestone v. Ashford; Dover v. Hillingdon; Dunstable v. Cambridge City.

Rugby League

SLALOM LAGER CHAMPIONSHIP.—Castleford v. Leeds; Leigh v. Oldham; Warrington v. Featherstone; Widnes v. Bradford N.

SECOND DIVISION.—Bramley v. Whitehaven; Rochdale v. Fulham (7.45); Wakefield v. Mansfield.

Rugby Union

CLUB MATCHES.—Abertillery v. Penarth (7.0); Cardiff v. Maesteg (7.15); Cross Keys v. Glamorgan Wand (7.0); Ebbw Vale *v. Newbridge (7.0); Leicester v. Royal Navy* (7.15); Pontypridd v. Sth Glam Inst (7.0); Swansea v. Sth Wales Police (7.0).

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES. — British Polys v. UAU (Headingley, 7.15); Middlesex Clubs v. Herts (Osterley, 4.30).

MASTER BREW TROPHY: Final.—Bettesbanger CW v. Folkestone (Canterbury RFC).

WESSEX BUILDING SOCIETY FLOODLIGHT ROSE BOWL: Final.—Bournemouth v. Wimborne (Salisbury RFC).

Ice Hockey

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP—Group C Tournament: Bulgaria 9, Spain 3; China 6, Denmark 1; France 2, Yugoslavia 1; Romania 18, N. Korea 5.

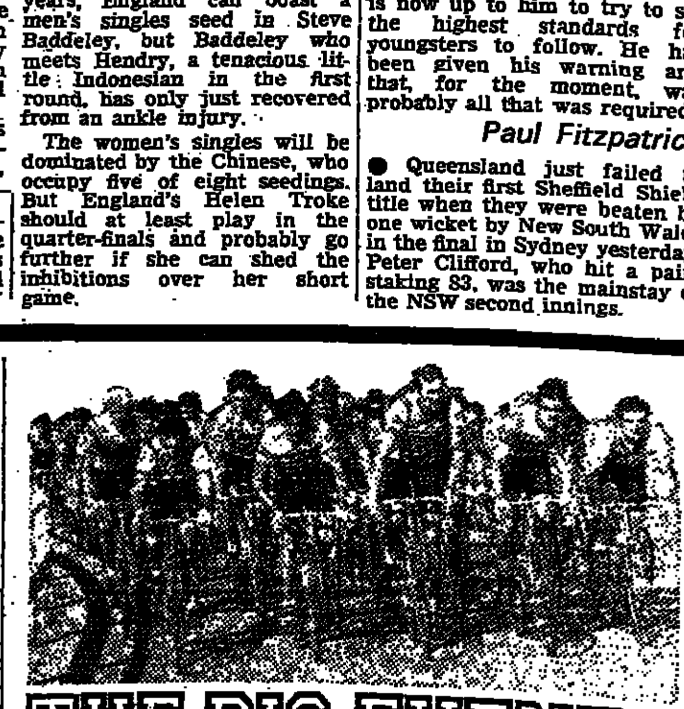
SPORT IN BRIEF

TABLE TENNIS: The national champion, Lisa Bellinger, belied her tender years with an experienced display to steer England tos revenge win over India and into the final of the women's team event in the Commonwealth Championships at Douglas, Isle of Man.

Miss Bellinger, aged 18, from Dunstable, gave a gritty performance in winning both of her singles, to help England to a 3-2 win over India.

TENNIS: Helen Sukova recovered from a 1-3 deficit in the second set to beat her *doubles* partner, Claudia Kohde-Kilsch, 7-6, 7-6 in the first round of the women's tournament at Madison Square Garden.

BOWLS: North Walsam, Norfolk, were scratched from the Prudential Championships at Hartlepool for arriving 50 minutes late for their semi-final against Hartlepool.



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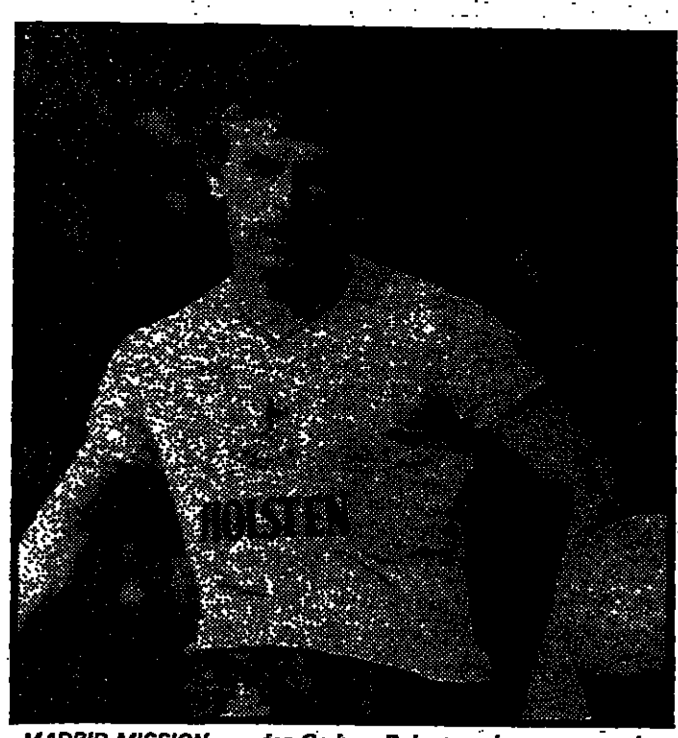
David Lacey with Tottenham in Spain

Spurs still a Real threat


MADRID MISSION . . . for Graham Roberts, who can carry the play powerfully to Real's weakened defence

SOCCER

LOOKED at logically, there is every likelihood that Tottenham Hotspur's latest European odyssey will end amid the splendours of the Bernabeu Stadium in Madrid tonight.

Real Madrid already leading Spurs 1-0 from the first leg of their EUFA Cup quarter-final, have so far reserved their most convincing performances of an otherwise disappointing season for European matches in front of their home crowd.

Two weeks ago they became the first team to win at White Hart Lane in a Continental competition, ending a Tottenham record which had stood for 24 years. Their goal had a touch of luck about it, a cross-cum-shot from Butragueno being touched on to Perryman's knee by Clemence and rebounding over the line. However, Real's organisation, accuracy and speed on the break made them the better side and had it not been for Clemence's agility and anticipation, Tottenham's task tonight would by now be verging on the impossible.

As it is, they have to overcome Real's lead while taking care not to concede goals against an attack which in three home legs this season has scored 14 times. In the last round, Madrid routed Anderlecht 6-1 after losing 3-0 in Brussels.

From what Spurs supporters remember of Anderlecht's quality in last season's UEFA Cup final (won by Tottenham on penalties after a 2-2 aggregate draw), and with the insipid performance against Real a fortnight ago uppermost in their minds, tonight's exercise may appear nothing more than a forlorn final fling.

But such thinking does not take into account a number of factors, among them the knack possessed by this Tottenham team of succeeding in the most unpromising situations. A week ago, they were well beaten at home by Manchester United, only to win at Liverpool four days later for the first time since 1912.

That victory has given Spurs' morale a much-needed boost and it is unarguable that they are more comfortable containing and counter-attacking away from White Hart Lane. In addition, while the return of Roberts (suspended for the first leg) has been offset by the loss of Stevens — who is out for the season with a knee injury — Real have been deprived of Uli Stielike, their West German sweeper, because of hepatitis.

Tottenham have lost Chiedozie, one of several casualties at Liverpool, but it was a superb shot from Hazard, the substitute, that led to Crooks scoring an historic goal.

In any case, Butragueno remains the player most likely to decide the tie tonight and it will be surprising if Clemence is not called upon to make yet another series of excellent saves. A combination of the 1912 Overture and Spanish Caprice could see Spurs through — but it is going to take some exceptional orchestration.

Real Madrid: Angel; Chendo, Camacho, Fraile, Sanchis, Salguero, Santos, Gonzalez, Butragueno, Gallego, Valdano.

Tottenham: Clemence; Thomas, Hughton, Miller, Roberts, Perryman, Hoddle, Hazard, Crooks, Falco, Galvin.

Patrick Barclay with Manchester United in Hungary

Robson's timely return

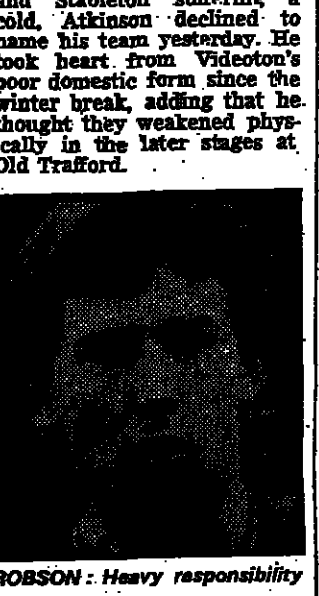
THE VIEW that Manchester United, for all the enterprise of the summer signings Strachan and Olsen, might be an ordinary team without Brian Robson was well and truly contradicted when they went 10 matches unbeaten during the England captain's absence with a shoulder injury.

Robson returned just in the nick of time, however, coming on as substitute against West Ham on Friday to head the goal that gave Ron Atkinson's side a point and kept alive their Championship hopes. This evening in Hungary, when he is expected to start a match for the first time since that ill-fated attempt to reach a cross against Coventry, Robson's presence may be equally crucial to the club's efforts to stay in Europe.

United hold a 1-0 lead against Videoton, who did little but defend in depth at Old Trafford yet possess a record in this season's UEFA Cup that suggests another, more positive face.

The 5-0 home victory over Partizan Belgrave was particularly impressive and United's players, who gained a healthy respect for the attacking capabilities of another Hungarian side, Raba Gyoer, in a previous round, expect a difficult match in the ancient town of Szekesfehervar, an hour's drive from Budapest.

With Whiteside doubtful and Stapleton suffering a cold, Atkinson declined to name his team yesterday. He took heart from Videoton's poor domestic form since the winter break, adding that he thought they weakened physically in the later stages at Old Trafford.


ROBSON: Heavy responsibility

"At the same time we are showing signs of running into our best form. And our results over the last couple of years have proved that we pull out the stops in Europe."

The Hungarians are likely to be weakened further by the absence of Csongradi, their international playmaker, who was injured in the first leg, while Majer, a dangerous winger, and the central defender Csuhay are suspended.

The principal remaining threat appears to be Szabo, who has scored seven goals in Europe this season, including four against Partizan. "We didn't see anything of him at Old Trafford," said Atkinson. "I hope we don't see too much here."

The situation may nevertheless call for Robson to take matters by the scruff of the neck, as he delights in doing. With such a slender lead, United can hardly afford to let Videoton come at them. Memories of Prague, where Atkinson's side held off Dukla in similar circumstances last season, may be pertinent by the evening's end.

Videoton (probable): P. Disztl; Borsanyi, Horvath, L. Disztl, Vegh, Burcsa, Wittmann, Hetyesi, Szabo, Vadasz, Palkovics.

Manchester United (probable): Bailey; Gidman, Albiston, Duxbury, McGrath, Moran, Robson, Strachan, Stapleton, Hughes, Olsen.

Referee: C. Fredriksson (Sweden).

● Fog has forced the European Cup tie between Dnepropetrovsk of the Soviet Union and Bordeaux to be postponed until tomorrow. The French champions were stranded by fog in Kiev yesterday en route to Krivoj Rog, 250 miles to the south, where the match will be played. Bordeaux have lodged a protest with UEFA about the complex travel arrangements.

● Snow followed by rain on Monday night threatens to turn the European Cup tie between Sparta Prague and Juventus into a mudbath. Groundsmen worked non-stop yesterday to clear the Letna Stadium pitch of snow.

Robert Armstrong on Liverpool

Walsh set to waltz

LIVERPOOL'S return to the European arena provides a timely reminder that this may be one of those mediocre seasons in which they end up by winning only the European Cup.

It is asking a great deal of the champions to sweep aside Tottenham, Manchester United and Everton in pursuit of the domestic trophies, but their inconsistent form should not prevent Liverpool progressing to another European final provided they are not drawn against Juventus next month.

Tonight's quarter-final second leg against FK Austria, at Anfield, should not present too difficult an obstacle for a team of Liverpool's last European pedigree. A late equaliser by Steve Nicol in Vienna a fortnight ago has set the Austrians a mountain to climb which makes most peaks in the Tyrol look like an excuse for a Sunday excursion.

In theory a goalless draw would be sufficient to send Joe Fagan's side through to the semi-finals, but it is safe to assume his players are under instructions to kill off FK Austria at the earliest opportunity.

Tottenham disposed of the Austrians at the same stage of the UEFA Cup a year ago, but there is no compelling reason to suppose that this volatile collection of Middle European talents will prove any less brittle when faced with Anglo-Saxon sinews tonight.

Liverpool tested the veteran Austrian goalkeeper Koncilia often enough on the first leg to suggest that permanent siege will be the order at Anfield. But the Merseysiders' square-lying defence will need to be wary of Austrian counter-thrusts led by Nyilasi and the 21-year-old Polster, who scored a long-range goal of stunning accuracy in Vienna. The speedy Steinkogler will also hope to renew his personal threat to Neal on the left flank.

But the failure of the Austrian playmaker, Prohaska, to establish consistent dominance over the tireless Macdonald could be doubly punished tonight even in the absence of the suspended Dalglish.

With Kennedy overlapping on the left, Wark making his dangerous late runs through the middle and Walsh leading his markers a merry dance, the Viennese are likely to find that the Anfield waltz is still a vibrant art form.

Stephen Bierley with Everton in Holland

Gray misses Fortuna boat

THE SIGHT of eager volunteers selling flags for National Lifeboat Week may have caused a mild tingle of apprehension among the Everton party as they left Liverpool yesterday afternoon for tonight's European Cup-Winners' Cup match in the Netherlands.

Andy Gray's three goals in the first leg of the quarter-final against Fortuna Sittard looked to have made Everton's passage into the semi-finals smooth and hazard-free, but Howard Kendall's team, troubled in recent matches by injury and suspension, are having one of those queasy spells that beset even the best of teams.

So far their luck has held. So far.

Bracewell and Sheedy will be absent tonight but Reid's return, after suspension, will be doubly welcome. Gray, whose injuries, like the painting of the Tay Bridge, seem never ending, will miss the match.

Fortuna Sittard hardly have the ring of Ajax or Feyenoord, indeed the club has only been in existence since 1968, two years before Everton won their last championship.

Last year they lost to Feyenoord in their Cup final, but qualified for Europe as their opponents were already Dutch champions. So they arrived in the quarter-finals, having beaten KP Copenhagen and Wisla Krakow, as a mystery team—mystery, that is, much in the same way that Crewe is to most of the Netherlands.

Everton and particularly Gray made mystery history. Tonight, unless Frans Thijssen, late of Ipswich and Nottingham Forest, resurrects the corpse the town of Sittard will be just another stopping-off point for Everton's skills.

FLAT '85

CHRIS HAWKINS continues our series of articles previewing the new season with a visit to PAUL COLE'S stable which is noted for early winners

Reach has the fire for the Dante

Paul Cole reached new heights last season, winning 61 races and over £215,000 to be tenth in the trainers' list. The pun is corny, of course, and not exactly appropriate for there is nothing jokey about the highly-professional and efficient Cole set-up.

You get the impression that the 43-year-old trainer does not suffer fools; sparing with his praise with a caustic turn of phrase, he is not to be trifled with. He sets high standards — still has evening stables on a Saturday and expects results.

He got them last season with seven two-year-olds in the Free Handicap and an apprentice jockey in Richard Quinn who shot to the top. About Quinn he is prepared to give credit: "I've had successful boys in the past but that was mostly me. That's why they didn't last. Quinn's different. Does as he's told but also thinks for himself. Quiet and determined, he lives sensibly and looks after himself."

That determination, stemming no doubt from his Scottish upbringing in the same village as Willie Carson, was evident in many of Quinn's finishing efforts last season, most notably in the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot when he kept asking and getting more than Reach is a desperate struggle with Joe Mercer on Khozaam. Reach prevailed by a head, a performance which earned him 9st 2lb in the Free Handicap and put him in the reckoning for a classic success this season.

Reach has done extremely well during the winter. He is a strong, rangy colt with the ideal physique to go on at three. He had only two races last season, winning both of them, so there is no question of him being used up as a juvenile.

The interesting point about him concerns his stamina for although, on the face of it, he may have difficulty in getting the Derby trip, he should stay farther than his sire Kris, who never raced beyond a mile but would probably have got a mile and a quarter. Kris's dam Doubly Sure never won but was placed at a mile and a half, being by that high class stayer Reliance.

Reach's dam is Gift Wrapped, by Wolver Hollow. Gift Wrapped won the Lingfield Oaks Trial and finished third to Bireme in the Musidora Stakes, and she is certainly not an influence for pure speed.

Cole comments: "Reach wasn't sprinting at two and needed a mile. Because of that I don't plan to run him in any of the Guineas trials over seven furlongs and I probably won't give him a run before the 2,000 Guineas. As I see it, the Derby might be a bit far in which case the Mecca Dante looks to be his race. The course at York should suit him with its nice long straight."

PAUL COLE . . . seven two-year-olds in the order of merit.

Waafi at one time looked like being Cole's best two-year-old last season, but after winning on his debut at York he made little impact in the Dewhurst Stakes on his only other outing. He is by Wolver Hollow and like that sire's 1976 2,000 Guineas winner Wollow, is rather light in conformation.

"He needs a little time and won't be hurried. We think he was over the top in the Dewhurst and still have hopes of him being a decent horse. The St James's Palace Stakes is his first major target," says Cole.

Other promising two-year-olds last season were Highfire, Yemken, Main Reason and Doo Baysh.

Highfire has done particularly well and is beginning to show the sort of home form which prompted Cole to run him in the William Hill Futurity. But something went wrong with him in that race when he appeared to cross his knees and as a result lost his action. It took him some time to begin moving correctly again, but he is going well now and an early reappearance in the Greenham is planned.

"Yemken has had a setback and is not in training yet, although I expect him back in the yard next week," says Cole. "But Main Reason, who ran well behind Khozaam at Ascot first time out and then won at Lingfield, has 8st 1lb in the Free Handicap and is shaping up for that race at the moment. I think a lot of Doo Baysh, who will be out to prove himself early and may run at Leicester next week. Had only one run behind Tour d'Or at Ascot last season."

Sarab, the winner of five races last year, is one of Cole's favourites; not surprisingly since he cost only 2,200 guineas as a yearling and has developed into a group class colt. "He's probably best at seven furlongs but opportunities are limited at this distance. He shows a lot of speed and I shall give him a chance to prove he's as good at six this season," comments Cole.

Finally among the older horses, we come to Lincoln hope Joyful Dancer, who is very forward and sure to run well if he gets a good draw. Joyful Dancer has strengthened since last season when he proved he was an early sort by winning the Newbury Spring Cup first time out.

Two-year-olds are hard to assess at such an early stage but it is not so difficult to pick out a number of quality colts on breeding and looks. Cole has particular regard for Actinium, Laabas, Nayshan and Torwada, while he is naturally pleased to be training a colt by Shergar called Tisn't and another called Royal Society by the world's most sought after sire. That sire? Well, it's not Northern Dancer but his son Danzig who had a phenomenal seven Group 1 winners in his first crop.

The stable invariably has a number of early two-year-old winners and three thought likely to be catching the judge's eye in the opening weeks are Rowie, a strong, chestnut son of Ballad Rock, Highblest, by High Top, and Fouz, by Taufan.

KELSO

2 15 Jonlani (nb)
2 45 On Leave
3 15 Cheerie Chief
3 45 Wise Cracker
4 15 Joe's Fancy (nap)
4 45 Jockambel
5 15 Zotov

★ DENOTES BLINKERS
GOING: Class good to soft; Hurdles soft

2 15—HEITON NOVICE HURDLE; DIV I; 2m; £666 (18 runners)
2 01 JONLANI Mrs M. Dickinson 6-11-9 ...... R. Earnshaw
3 011400 SECRET WALK (D) W. A. Stephenson 4-11-9 ...... R. Lamb
5 040000 AQUA VERDE M. Kellett 6-11-1 ...... ——
8 22003/P DEREK'S BAY W. Redfern 6-11-1 ...... ——
9 00 EASTER BRIG G. W. Richards 5-11-1 ... J. Kissane
14 03000 TANA'S PERFORMANCE N. Crump 6-11-1 C. Hawkins
15 00303 THE BUILDER Mrs G. Reveley 6-11-1 ... T. G. Dun
16 000000 COLISLACE H. McConnell 7-10-10 ...... ——
17 00 LONDON BLITZ Mrs J. Goodfellow 5-10-10 ——
18 3330-00 MOONLIGHTING P. Calver 5-10-10 ...... C. Grant
19 P0/P TUDOR DREAM T. Craig 7-10-10 ...... M. Ennis
20 000 BURRANNOCH HOUSE R. Fisher 4-10-7 ... P. Tuck
22 DRAGONADE C. Booth 4-10-7 ...... S. Charlton
23 0 GRANGE OF GLORY R. Fisher 4-10-7 M. Meagher (4)
25 4 JIM THORPE G. W. Richards 4-10-7 D. Oakley (4)
26 0 MASTER RICKIE D. Swindlehurst 4-10-7 ...... Mr D. Swindlehurst (7)
28 00 WHISTLING STELLAR M. Naughton 4-10-7 ——
29 F LEMON SQUASH C. Thornton 4-10-2 ... D. Wilkinson
1984: Tarchis 7-11-1 M. Barnes 5-1 S. Leadbetter 15 ran.
Betting forecast: 11-10 Jonlani, 7-2 Jim Thorpe, 9-2 Secret Walk, 8 The Builder, 10 Moonlighting.
TOP FORM TIPS: Jonlani 8, Jim Thorpe 7, Secret Walk 6.

2 45—GREENLAW NOVICE CHASE: 2m 190yds; £860 (12 runners).
3 222F41 ON LEAVE A. Scott 8-11-10 ...... ——
4 /0-FU01 SHINEY SON W. A. Stephenson 7-11-10... R. Lamb
6 U10-000 BOBBING STAR B. McMahon 9-11-0 ...... ——
7 112-236 BROTHER GEOFFREY C. Thornton 6-11-0 ...... D. Wilkinson
9 3-000SP JONDALE M. Lambert 8-11-0 ...... P. A. Charlton
12 PPPF LOCHAN CORRIE J. Haldane 8-11-0 ...... ——
14 /F-4000 MR NASH ★ T. Dun 8-11-0 ...... T. G. Dun
17 /0-0000 STARJESTIC R. Robinson 7-11-0 ...... E. W. Gray
18 0UPU00 TAMSON'S TIPPLE D. Robertson 9-11-0 ...... Mr D. Robertson
20 P/0 COOL KIT C. A. Douglas 9-10-9 ...... ——
22 223241 MAGGIES GIRL Denys Smith 6-10-9 ...... C. Grant
23 0000-UP THE HOWLET J. Oliver 6-10-9 ...... Mr P. J. Dun
1984: Allerlea 6-11-10 P. Tuck 5-4 on fav C. H. Bell 11 ran.
Betting forecast: 2 On Leave, 5-2 Brother Geoffrey, 7-2 Maggies Girl, 5 Shiney Son, 8 Jondale.
TOP FORM TIPS: Brother Geoffrey 8, On Leave 7, Maggies Girl 6.

RICHARD BAERLEIN'S SELECTIONS
Nap—PERISCOPE (2.30 Worcester)
Next best—JONLANI (2.15 Kelso)

3 15—CROALL BRYSON LAND ROVER HUNTER CHASE: Amateur Riders; 3m; £848 (11 runners).
1 1120-10 CHEERIE CHIEF (C/D) H. Barclay 9-12-1 ...... K. Anderson (7)
3 7210-24 YOUGHAL (C/D) (BF) W. A. Stephenson 9-11-11 ...... Mr J. Greenall (7)
4 F- ARCTIC OWEN J. Gibson 9-11-7 ...... ——
5 /43-020 ARTHUR BELL'S J. P. Wight 9-11-7 A. Wight (7)
6 0F04-00 BAWNEEN Lady Renwick 11-11-7 ...... ——
7 1/04- FLYING ACE A. Calder 9-11-7 Miss D. Calder (7)
9 2F/- HUNTERMAC Mrs E. Stockell 10-11-7 ...... Miss A. Stockell (7)
11 /2300-3 PANEGYRIST C. Alexander 10-11-7 A. Dodgson (4)
12 0F0P/0P PENNINE DEREK R. Johnson 11-11-7 P. Johnson (7)
13 00040U/ WARDGOFF R. Thorburn 8-11-7 ...... ——
14 FP31/4- WEST ACRE (D) R. Macnaughton 12-11-7 ...... ——
1984: Colonel Henry 8-11-0 Mr R. Drysdale 16-1 Mrs C. Braithwaite 7 ran.
Betting forecast: 11-8 Cheerie Chief, 5-2 Flying Ace, 9-2 Youghal, 10 Arthur Bell's.
TOP FORM TIPS: Cheerie Chief 8, Youghal 7, Flying Ace 6.

3 45—HEITON NOVICE HURDLE (Div II): 2m; £638 (15 runners).
2 00030 BILLY TOBIN Miss Z. Green 5-11-1 ...... J. Goulding
3 P00034 BRILLIANT FELLOW P. Monteith 8-11-1 D. Nolan
4 CAPTAIN CURTAIN R. Fisher 5-11-1 ...... P. Tuck
5 F DAN THE MILLAR (BF) Mrs M. Dickinson 6-11-1 ...... doubtful
6 00 NORWHISTLE T. Craig 5-11-1 ...... M. Ennis
7 P-00 RHEIN LAD T. Barnes 5-11-1 ...... M. Barnes
8 0-000 ROTATE W. Murray 5-11-1 ...... B. Storey
10 302-400 CORRIELEK G. Fairbairn 8-10-10 ... P. A. Charlton
11 F0 GREY LIL R. Allan 5-10-10 ...... J. Hansen
12 F00 MILTON LOCKHART W. Young 6-10-10 ...... Mr R. Robinson (4)
16 OPP MR SPONGE D. Lamb 4-10-7 ...... R. Lamb
17 20 PADDY HAYTON S. Leadbetter 4-10-7 ... A. Brown
18 0 SINGING SABRE Lord Kilmany 4-10-7 ... D. Dutton
19 0000 TASAR W. A. Stephenson 4-10-7 ...... K. Jones
20 3 WISE CRACKER G. W. Richards 4-10-7 ...... D. Coakley (4)
21 00 FORLORN MOLLY P. Wight 4-10-2 ...... ——
1984: Cheers (Fr) 4-10-7 R. Earnshaw 1-5 fav M. W. Dickinson 15 ran.
Betting forecast: Evens Wise Cracker, 4 Brilliant Fellow, 11-2 Captain Curtain, 7 Corrielek.
TOP FORM TIPS: Wise Cracker 9, Brilliant Fellow 7.

4 15—BERRYMOSS HANDICAP HURDLE: 3m 1f 120yds; £851 (15 runners).
4 0-00200 PER ROYAL ★ T. Craig 8-11-7 ...... C. Grant
6 102220 PITCRUIVIE G. W. Richards 6-11-3 D. Coakley (4)
7 943F00 SECRET LAKE D. MacDonald 6-11-2 ... B. Storey
8 20P102 JOE'S FANCY (C) P. Liddle 7-11-1 ... G. W. Gray
9 10300-4 SLAVE KING J. Wilson 6-10-11 ... S. Charlton
10 /2-0403 KELSO CHANT R. Gray 13-10-10 ...... P. Tuck
11 00333 TEENAGE LOVE Mrs M. Dickinson 5-10-8 R. Earnshaw
13 0F22-03 RABY R. Allan 6-10-5 ...... J. Hansen
15 003004 ARMENISTIS S. Leadbetter 6-10-4 ...... M. Barnes
16 22020P RAMOA'S SON ★ N. Waggott 9-10-4 ...... Mr N. Waggott (7)
18 441-042 ISLANDER Ld Kilmany 13-10-2 ...... D. Dutton
20 3-300UP MARACAS BAY ★ N. Waggott 6-10-0 ...... Miss T. Waggott (7)
21 000030 VICTORY MORN J. E. Dixon 9-10-0 K. Doolan (4)
23 0-0F0 BLACKADDER BRIG R. McDonald 6-10-0 C. Hawkins
25 U-003FP LARRY HILL Mrs J. Goodfellow 10-10-0 ...... P. A. Farrell (7)
1984: Bum Nooka 7-11-10 Mr M. Meagher 9-4 fav R. Fisher 12 ran.
Betting forecast: 4 Joe's Fancy, 9-2 Teenage Love, 6 Slave King, 7 Pitcruivie, 9 Secret Lake.
TOP FORM TIPS: Joe's Fancy 8, Teenage Love 7, Slave King 6.

4 45—KING'S OWN SCOTTISH BORDERERS CUP (Handicap Chase): 3m; £1,350 (12 runners).
1 P-31002 PEATY SANDY (C/D) Miss H. Hamilton 11-11-12 ...... Mr A. Dudgeon (4)
8 00-P02P CANTON N. F. Crump 11-10-7 ...... D. Wilkinson
10 1PF21U JOCKAMBEL (C/D) D. M. Thomson 9-10-2 ...... D. Coakley (4)
12 313220 UNSCRUPULOUS JUDGE (C/D) (BF) W. A. Stephenson 8-10-0 ...... Mr P. J. Dun
13 P0130/4- BLACKHAWK STAR (C/D) K. Oliver 11-10-0 ...... D. Dutton
14 4P/FPPP TWICE TIMES (C/D) J. E. Brockbank 10-10-0 ...... ——
15 301/0-P MISTY RASCAL (C) W. H. Crawford 10-10-0 ...... C. Grant
16 P23230 LITTLE FRENCHMAN (C/D) E. H. Robson 12-10-0 ...... C. Pimlott
17 12UF20 VENDEVAR (D) S. J. Leadbetter 10-10-0 ...... ——
19 /003-UP BONNIE SON ★ J. Parkes 11-10-0 R. Balfour (7)
20 433F01 MEGGIES DENE (D) (4 lb ex) Miss M. Benson 9-10-0 ...... J. Hansen
21 224P00 HAZY GLEN T. A. Barnes 7-10-0 ...... M. Barnes
1984: Ballylce 9-10-3 J. J. O'Neill 12-1 H. Wharton 13 ran.
Betting forecast: 11-4 Unscrupulous Judge, 7-2 Peaty Sandy, 4 Jockambel, 5 Little Frenchman, 6 Vendevar, 8 Meggies Dene.
TOP FORM TIPS: Peaty Sandy 10, Unscrupulous Judge 8.

5 15—DALKEITH TRAVEL STAKES (NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE: £450 added: 2m; £886 (25 runners).
1 30 ANOTHER GEAR W. A. Stephenson 5-11-10 ...... S. Mitchell (7)
3 BRONZE APOLLO C. J. Alexander 5-11-10 ——
4 BUTTONWOOD BAY M. H. Easterby 5-11-10 ...... S. Milburn (7)
5 CANDY CONE R. Brewis 5-11-10 Mr A. Dudgeon (4)
6 CHESTER GARTH Miss K. Thompson 5-11-10 ...... Miss K. Thompson (7)
8 DERWENT'S LAD P. Calver 5-11-10 D. Thompson (7)
11 HIGH COVERT T. D. Walford 5-11-10 Mr T. Walford
12 0 HOPEFUL FUTURE D. Lee 5-11-10 ——
16 PRUDENT BOY J. H. Johnson 5-11-10 ——
18 THE COWAN THING Mrs G. Reveley 5-11-10 ——
19 TOM POUSSE D. Lee 6-11-10 ...... P. Addie (7)
20 P TULLYCANNA J. Wade 5-11-10 ...... Mr J. Wade
21 0 CARAT STICK F. T. Walton 5-11-5 ... Mr J. Walton
22 GALLOPING GUYZANCE Lady Renwick 6-11-5 ——
24 POLLY PUTNAM Lady Renwick 5-11-5 ——
25 THE FRIDGED MIDGET W. Redfern 6-11-5 ...... Mrs S. Redfern
30 CRAIGDARROCH LODGE W. A. Stephenson 4-11-2 ...... A. Merrigan (7)
31 0 DENETOP GEM F. Musgrave 4-11-2 ...... Miss J. Musgrave (7)
35 KIMSWA W. A. Stephenson 4-11-2 Miss M. Bell
37 LITTLE JACK HORNER C. W. Thornton 4-11-2 ...... P. A. Farrell (7)
41 STREAM OF BUNCLODY J. S. Haldane 4-11-2 ...... Mr P. Henderson (7)
42 WOOD SPOILER T. Fairhurst 4-11-2 Mr P. Dennis (7)
43 3 ZOTOV (BF) M. H. Easterby 4-11-2 Mr T. Easterby
44 CHIP OF GOLD R. Allan 4-10-11 ... Miss J. Bell (7)
45 KERSTELLA N. F. Crump 4-10-11 Jayne Thompson (7)
1984: No corresponding race.
Betting forecast: 9-4 Little Jack Horner, 3 Zotov, 4 Another Gear, 5 Buttonwood Bay, 8 Kerstella.
TOP FORM TIPS: Zotov 9, Another Gear 6.

Festival furore—stewards inquire

Chris Hawkins

The Jockey Club's disciplinary committee are to inquire into last week's controversial finish to the Waterford Crystal Stayers Hurdle — even though they cannot alter the result.

The race was a triumph for trainer Fulke Walwyn who saddled the first two home with Rose Ravine, the 5-1 favourite, beating 12-1 chance Crimson Embers by a neck.

After jumping the last, Rose Ravine veered sharply to the right, almost bumping his stable companion into the rail. Most observers felt that if the horses had been in different ownership, the placings would have been altered. But both horses are owned by Pam Smart.

Stewards at Portman Square cannot alter the placings in the absence of any appeal against the decision of the Cheltenham stewards.

Mr Snugfit's Grand National odds were cut to 20-1 after yet another impressive win under top weight in Nottingham's Trent Handicap Chase yesterday, but, with 8 stone 10lb, he may not get into the Aintree line up.

"We are keeping our fingers crossed and if he runs he will win," said trainer Nick Easterby. "We're waiting for eight to drop out," added owner Adrian Greenwood, who has had a modest national wager on his gelding at 80-1.

There are 43 four day declarations for Saturday's William Hill Lincoln Handicap at Doncaster and with a limit of 26 there are bound to be eliminations from the bottom upwards. Willie Carson's mount Flyhome looks likely to make the cut, however, needing only one above him to drop out.

The sponsors report support for the top weight Prince Ragusa and have cut him from 25-1 to 16-1. With 9st 10lb this four-year-old has a lot to do. It is in his favour that he won the Timeform Thirsk Classic Trial first time out last season, but after finishing unplaced in the Mecca Dante Stakes he did not reappear again.

Both Mecca and Corals have laid Topham Tavern from 25-1 to 16-1. Corals have spring double liabilities of £200,000 on the Tommy Fairhurst four-year-old, mainly linked with Corbiere in the National.

At Kelso this afternoon Joe's Fancy (4.15), short-headed at Doncaster last time, will get every yard of the three miles and a furlong of the Berrymoss Handicap Hurdle while Monica Dickinson's Jonlani (2.15) looks a cut above average and should win the opening Heiton Novice Hurdle.

Results

NOTTINGHAM

1.45 (2m Hdle): 1, BHARAT, S. Johnson (12-1); 2, Ziggurat (6-1); 3, Indian (33-1). Also: Evens fav Bernini 6th, 13-2 Private Label 4th, 10 Lislary Lad 5th, 14 Celic Born, Netherdar, 16 Keldlands, 20 Edocles, Gerami, Last Enemy, 50 Ballykinash, Barney's Choice, Spring Fox pu, Tixall Boy, August, Folly, Bright Honey f, Hopeful Daughter, Same Date, Some Grange pu, Tam's last, Ascendros pu, Bren Gunner, Son of Spiritus f. (25 ran). 4l, 1, 2, hd, 4. (K. A. Morgan). Tote: £7.10; £2.60, £1.80, £4.90. Dual F: £130.90 CSF: £88.16.

2.15 (2½m Ch): 1, WORK MATE, Mr S. Sherwood (5-1); 2, Bishops Yarn (10-11 fav); 3, Excluder (25-1). Also: 9-2 The Royal Comrie 4th, 9 Hurry Up Henry f, 25 The Mighty Boco f, 50 Barzini 5th, Little Saxham pu, Maxi Moment 6th. (9 ran). 4l, 2, 10, 8, 15. (G. Pritchard-Gordon). Tote: £5.00; £1.90, £1.10, £2.80. Dual F: £3.40 CSF: £9.04.

2.45 (2m Hdle): 1, BURANNPOUR, T. Jarvis (7-4 fav); 2, Gulfland (9-1); 3, Easter Day (11-1). Also: 7 New Song, 10 True Heritage 4th, Buckfast Abbey 5th, Cool Sun, 20 Benmore, Winning Flush, 25 Dabavarna, Our Choice 6th, 33 Balarum, Centaur Song, Hyperion Prince, My Name Is Nobody, Write the Music, 50 Al Sandro, Chiesorah, Collaroy, Tarville, Sparkler Superb, Court Prince. (22 ran). 4l, 1, 1½, nk, 2½. (A. Jarvis). Tote: £2.40; £1.20, £3.70, £2.80. DF: £8.80. CSF: £18.80. NR: Delighting, The Crignant, Inset Lady.

3.15 (3½m Ch): 1, MR SNUGFIT, P. Tuck (5-4 fav); 2, Personality Plus (25-1); 3, Hill of Slane (10-1). Also: 3 Inkling 5th, 7 Succeeded 4th, 8 Port Askaig pu, 14 Santa Noel pu, 20 Moor Close pu. (8 ran). 1½, 7, 12, 3. (M. W. Easterby). Tote: £2.30; £1.20, £1.60, £3.60. DF: £7.20. CSF: £26.90.

3.45 (2½m Ch): 1, TEN CHERRIES, Mr M. Bell (2-1 fav); 2, Song of Life (9-4); 3, Royal Dust (10-1). Also: 8 Alabama 5th, 10 Counterlone 4th, 16 Pine King, 20 Ridgeman ur, 25 Metaia pu, 33 Premier Mal, Galahad II ur, Good Action f, Jassim 6th, Judge James bd, Lowland Cavalier, Martinstown, Tehran Prince pu, Kate Bush. (17 ran). 4l, 3, 1½, 4, 15. (Mrs M. Rimell). Tote: £2.70; £1.30, £1.20, £4.60. Dual F: £4.90. CSF: £6.61.

4.15 (3½m Hdle): 1, THE DISCO DAGO, S. Morshead (25-1); 2, Kevin Evans (6-1); 3, Last Of The Foxes (25-1); 4, Sparkling Jenny (4-1 jt-fav). Also: 4 jt-fav Crammond Brig 6th, 9-2 Stenorar, 8 Champagne Charlie 5th, 10 Roll-A-Joint pu, 16 Lord Charles pu, 20 Switch Off, Coolmore Knitwear, Cambro Boy, 25 Shirley Grove, 33 Fine Tale, Smoker, 50 Wil-Tot, Tom Farr, Bell Hop, Joat, Demon King pu. (20 ran). 5l, 1½, 8, 1½, 11. (J. Spearing). Tote: £28.50; £1.70, £2.20, £5.70, £1.10 Dual F: £36.50. CSF: £169.33. Tricast: £3,491.58. NR: Ripton Sally.

PLACEPOT: £11.50.

FONTWELL

2.0 (2¼m Hdle): 1, THE GOVERNOR, J. Francome (8-1); 2, Severn Sound (20-1); 3, Commedia Sovereign (12-1); 4, Ahmaad (20-1). Also: 7-2 fav Ball George, 11-2 Rheinsold's Gift f, 10 Harlow Mill, Answer To Prayer, Jimmy Boy, 12 Candanides, 14 Cider With Kathy 6th, Menton, 16 Haywire, 20 Devon Minnow, Henry Ford pu, 25 Allado 5th, 33 Plash, Linton Glen, Kerry's Court, Quaker Lad, Welsh Valley, Vatson's Honor. (22 ran). 3l, 7, 5, 1½, 4. (J. Jenkins). Tote: £4.20; £1.40, £4.70, £3.50, £23.30. Dual F: £69.40. CSF: £159.47. Tricast: £1,774.90.

2.30 (2m 2f ch): 1, RUN TO ME, B. Powell (7-1); 2, Fire Drill (4-1 jt fav); 3, Back And Wine M. Perrett (4-1 jt fav). Also: 11-2 Moon Dreamer, 15-2 Ro's Owen pu, 8 Grimm f, 10 Benny's Boy pu, 14 Master Noble 4th, 20 Gralgeenamanach 6th, Famous Footsteps ur, 33 Aspen Flare, L'Aubordiere pu, 50 Downpayment 5th. (13 ran). 2l, 10, 8, 12, 12. (N. Mitchell). Tote: £6.80; £2.00, £2.20, £1.90. Dual F: £10.00. CSF: £33.87. Tricast: £119.32. NR: Tower Moss.

3.0 (3¼m Hdle): 1, PARADISE STRAITS, R. Dunwoody (14-1); 2, Kassabah (USA) (10-1); 3, Skidsalter (33-1); 4, Upham Kelly (16-1). Also: 9-2 fav Oregon Trail f, 11-2 Mendaleek, 9 Go To Sleep pu, 10 Anex, Indiana Dare, 12 Zipurib, 14 Linton bd, Major Tom 6th, 16 Toyco, 20 Aenulliah 5th, Drummond Street, 25 Broken Flight, Royalty Miss, 33 Rough Course pu, 50 Flamtex Lad, Unequal Halves, Polly Toodle, On Trust. (22 ran). 12l, 2, 1½, 1, 10. (S. Woodman). Tote: £17.80; £1.90, £4.30, £5.20, £4.00 Dual F: £221.60. CSF: £146.57. Tricast: £4,128.

3.30 (3m 2½f Ch): 1, CHEADLE GREEN, L. Bloomfield (5-1 fav); 2, Lamparita (10-1); 3, Playfields (20-1); 3, Darnal (6-1). Also: 6 Querrin, Ten Bears 5th, 8 Monkton Rill pu, 10 Brit 6th, 12 Lama Meet f, 14 Fil de Fer, 16 Revolver f, 20 Grey Tarquin, 33 Canford Lad pu, Gold Racer, 50 Armatrist pu, Runwick Prospect pu. (16 ran). 8l, 21, 2, 15. (T. Hallett). Tote: £6.90; £2.30, £210, £6.70, £2.10 Dual F: £12230. CSF: £52.27. Tricast: £858.37. NR: Another Cygnet.

4.0 (2¼m Hdle): 1, YOUNG NICHOLAS, S. Smith Eccles (2-5 fav); 2, Meziara (14-1); 3, Honest Hint (14-1). Also: 11-2 Rainbow Lady 4th, 12 Should Never Be, 14 Winning Star, 16 Sassanoco, 33 I Wonder When pu, Quorate, 50 Coldharbour Lad 5th, Paramount 6th, Jonix pu, Bato, Country Cap, Point Blank, Running Bull, Housewife. (17 ran). 2l, 8, 8, 6, 14. (N. Henderson). Tote: £1.60; £1.20, £2.20, £3.70. Dual F: £5.10. CSF: £9.65. NR: Young Suckers, Burns Lad and Parveno.

4.30 (2¼m Ch): 1, FREDDIE BEE, Mr T. Grantham (5-4 fav); 2, Fada (7-1); 3, Lone Streak (33-1). Also: 4 High Class Agent 4th, 10 Kelpie 6th, My John Charlott f, 14 Cheekie Chappie pu, 16 Blackthorn Lad f, 20 Beggar's Bush, 50 Willing's Midas 5th, Holmicole pu, Tackharry pu, North Street ref. (13 ran). 3l, 30, 4, 20, 25. (R. Parker). Tote: £2.50; £1.40, £1.80, £4.50 Dual F: £4.10. CSF: £10.83.

PLACEPOT: £246.30.

WORCESTER

1.00 Big Brown Bear
1.30 Special Envoy
2.00 Emmason
2.30 Water Cannon
3.00 Scottish Dream
3.30 About Time Too
4.00 Immigrate
4.30 Tudor Road
5.00 Ben Lair
5.30 Tracy's

★ Denotes blinkers. GOING: Good to soft

1 0—ST BARNABAS NOVICE CHASE (Div I); 2½m: £1,041 (17 runners).
11F BIG BROWN BEAR 8-12-0 G. Bradley
022 AWNING 7-11-0 ... Mr A. J. Wilson
P BALLINGER'S FOLLY 7-11-0 ... ——
F04- BERGHILL 9-11-0 Mr J. Cambidge (4)
0F4 BOLT THE GATE 6-11-0 ... B. Powell
PP4 BRIGADIER ROSE M. Stephens 6-11-0 C. Mann
00P CROWNMAN 7-11-0 ...... ——
P00 DAY AFTER 9-11-0 ...... G. Jones
032 GOINGO 6-11-0 ...... R. Hyett
000 MR PRESIDENT WEAR 8-11-0 K. Ross (7)
214- NO SWEAT 6-11-0 ... Mr E. Whettam
PP3 PARISH RIGGED ★ 7-11-0 H. Davies
P/P ROBERT HENRY 9-11-0 ... A. Webber
P STOUT ANSWER 8-11-0 ...... ——
P00 WONKEYS LUCK 7-11-0 A. Chamberlain (4)
P/0F MISS TULLULAH 7-10-9 ...... ——
00-F WINNING CLOVER 7-10-9 G. McCourt
Betting forecast: 7-4 Big Brown Bear, 7-2 No Sweat, 4 Awning, 5 Parish Rigged, 10 Goingo, 12 Bolt The Gate
TOP FORM TIPS: Big Brown Bear 8, Parish Rigged 7, Awning 6.

1 30—PORTLAND WALK SELLING HURDLE: Div. I; 2m: £619 (16 runners).
P00 GALTRIM (C) 6-11-12 ... J. Burke
0-0U KANO FLOWER 6-11-5 ...... R. Hoare
P- MICROBYTE 5-11-5 ...... ——
30-P NICK BARRY ★ 6-11-5 Mr M. Bosley (7)
03B PICKET LINE 5-11-5 ...... S. O'Neill
00-0 SAUNSON BOY 5-11-5 ...... T. Wall
00F WARWICK BLUE ★ 5-11-5 B. Powell
00-P WINTER SPORT 5-11-5 ...... ——
0 APRIL GEM 5-11-0 ...... C. Seward
P00 GOOSE GREEN 5-11-0 ...... J. Bryan
P0P DRHADEN 4-10-10 .. C. Warren (7)
202 ESKER HOUSE 4-10-10 ... S. McNeill
0P0 HIGHVIEW ★ 4-10-10 R. Hatfield (7)
PP SPECIAL ENVOY 4-10-10 ...... ——
340 JOAN ADDISON 4-10-5 N. Coleman (7)
MAID OF IRELAND 4-10-5 A. Carroll
1984: Keep Sauntering 5-10-10 Miss T. Turner 5-1 W. G. Turner 14 ran.
Betting forecast: 11-4 Picket Line, 4 Esker House, 5 Warwick Blue, 6 Galtrim, 7 Saunson Boy, 8 Joan Addison, 10 Special Envoy, 12 Maid of Ireland.
TOP FORM TIPS: Picket Line 8, Esker House 7, Joan Addison 6.

2 0 — ST BARNABAS NOVICE CHASE (Div II): 2½m: £1,041 (15 runners).
22P EMMASON (D) 10-11-7 S. Morshead
002 PEBBLE ISLAND ★ 6-11-7 N. Doughty
0-P ROY PIPER 6-11-0 ...... B. Powell
1P0 CALMACUTTER 8-11-0 ... V. McKevitt
PUF CHALFORD HILL 8-11-0 . C. Mann
CONTRADEAL 8-11-0 ...... S. Shilston
000 COUNTY PLAYER 8-11-0 ... J. Duggan (4)
0P-F ERICA'S GENERAL 7-11-0 P. Leach
-0PU GRANTSTOWN 7-11-0 ... Steve Knight
00P HENRY BELL 7-11-0 ...... doubtful
400 HOPE END 7-11-0 ...... C. Jones
-FU4 PETROCELLI 7-11-0 ...... P. Corrill
SHINTULLAR 7-11-0 ——
PF0 THISTLEDOWN PATH 8-10-0 H. Davies
2P0 TWO EAGLES 6-11-0 ...... A. Webber
FP BIG TIME 5-10-0 ...... ——
Betting forecast: 9-4 Emmason, 3 Pebble Island, 9-2 The County Player, 6 Two Eagles, 8 Contradeal, 10 Calmacutter, 12 Thistledown Path.
TOP FORM TIPS: Pebble Island 8, Emmason 7.

2 30—PITCHCROFT NOVICE HURDLE (Div I): 2½m: £870 (25 runners).
313 TREYFORD 5-11-12 ...... H. Davies
020 BRYMA 5-11-2 ...... A. Griffiths
0 CO CO MAN 6-11-2 ...... S. Moore
PF COURTIERS WAG 5-11-2 ... C. Smith
004- COYOR 5-11-2 ...... R. Linley
400 GOLD WARBLER 5-11-2 R. Dunwoody
HARD GOLD 6-11-2 Mr C. O'Toole (7)
22 JAMES MY BOY (BF) 5-11-2 J. A. Harris
00 LUMINIST 5-11-2 ...... A. Sharpe
303 MAUJENDOR 5-11-2 P. Scudamore
000 MUMMYS SWIFT 6-11-2 B. Wright
00-0 PENSHETT LAD 6-11-2 S. Morshead
002 PERISCOPE 5-11-2 ...... J. White
P00- PURPLE BLAZE 7-11-2 ... G. Davies
0 SAMSHU 5-11-2 ...... P. Dever
FP0 SPIDER KELLY 7-11-2 N. Doughty
0P ANNIE HOTSPUR 7-10-11 A. Chamberlain
P0 IVY ROYAL 6-10-11 Philip Hobbs
P0 LADY WHEKIN 5-10-11 ... A. Carroll
0 MIZZIE LIZZIE 7-10-11 Mr M. Bosley (7)
ROMFUL AIR 5-10-11 B. Powell
VALLEE DES ROSES 6-10-11 A. O'Hagan
00 MARSTON MOOR 4-10-7 A. Griffiths
PPP OGRE 4-10-7 ...... R. Dennis (4)
24 WATER CANNON (BF) 4-10-7 S. Holland
1984: Feels Right 4-10-7 P. Scudamore 6-1 D. Nicholson 24 ran.
Betting forecast: 7-2 Periscope, 4 Treyford, 5 Water Cannon, 6 James My Boy, 8 Maujendor, 10 Bryma, 12 Coyor, Gold Warbler.
TOP FORM TIPS: Periscope 8, Treyford 7, Water Cannon 6.

3 0—ST BARNABAS NOVICE CHASE: Div. III; 2½m: £1,041 (16 runners).
P21 KELLY'S HONOR (D) 6-11-7 Mr J. Sharpe (4)
001 SCOTTISH DREAM (D) 7-11-7 N. Doughty
3-02 CHASM 6-11-0 ...... R. Pusey (4)
-PFP COLONEL CURTIS 6-11-0 B. Powell
PFD DOUBLE BASS 9-11-0 ... H. Davies
P2-0 GRAND REVIEW 9-11-0 S. Morshead
FU0 KARANNSU 7-11-0 ...... Steve Knight
-000 LE TOUQUET 6-11-0 ...... J. Barlow
FFP MAGIC HOUSE 9-11-0 ... J. Suthern
000 OULART HILL 9-11-0 ... R. Dunwoody
UPP POOR EXCUSE 10-11-0 ... P. Dever
-F00 RIVER SHEEN 7-11-0 ... A. Webber
00-0 SHINING TUSK 7-11-0 ... S. O'Neill
12-P TIGHT TURN 6-11-0 ...... J. Frost
0-3F TOO OFTEN 6-11-0 W. Worthington (7)
002 VICTOR DUB 7-11-0 ... W. Knox (7)
Betting forecast: 5-2 Kelly's Honor, 7-2 Scottish Dream, 9-2 Chasm, 6 Grand Review, 8 Tight Turn, 10 Double Bass, 14 Too Often, Oulart Hill.
TOP FORM TIPS: Kelly's Honor 8, Scottish Dream 7, Chasm 6.

3 30—PORTLAND WALK SELLING HURDLE: Division II: 2m: £617 (16 runners).
P-0P NO GALE (D) 6-11-2 R. Dunwoody
0 ABERRATION 5-11-5 ...... P. Barton
P00 BELLANUSE 5-11-5 ...... R. Hyett
4-00 CAPA 5-11-5 ...... J. Suthern
P3-0 CRUMBS 6-11-5 ...... Lorna Vincent
004 DRUM MAKER 5-11-5 J. Duggan (4)
003- FORT LAMY 6-11-5 ...... ——
P0P GUARD THE FORT 5-11-5 C. Gray
0P-0 HUNGARIAN PRINCE 5-11-5 S. O'Neill
004 LIFT HIGH 6-11-5 ...... S. McNeill
-PP0 THOMAS A BECKET 6-11-5 Mr P. Townsley
-000 FERRDALIS 5-11-0 J. Raymond (7)
000 LITTLE KHAN 6-11-0 Mr I. Johnson
00 ABOUT TIME TOO 4-10-10 ...... ——
00 MR BENNINGTON 4-10-10 A. Carroll
P00 WHAT A PRINCESS 4-10-5 G. Moore
1984: Keep Sauntering 5-10-10 Miss T. Turner 5-1 W. G. Turner 14 ran.
Betting forecast: 3 About Time Too, 7-2 Capa, 4 Lift High, 7 Aberration, 8 Crumbs, 10 Drum Maker, Fort Lamy.
TOP FORM TIPS: Lift High 8, Crumbs 7, Fort Lamy 6.

4 0 — KING JOHN HANDICAP CHASE: 3m 5f: £1,931 (16 runners).
000 SAILOR'S RETURN 9-11-7 C. Smith
00P SUGARALLY 12-10-11 ...... P. Barton
P0P GIDDYCAN (C) 9-10-8 ... P. Richards
F00 BONUM OMEN (C) 11-10-4 K. Mooney
010 IMMIGRATE (BF) 12-10-0 N. Doughty
0F0 DRUMCONDRA 10-10-0 ... A. Sharpe
-34P GALLEON BEACH 9-10-0 P. Warner
U4P JIMMY MIFF (C) 13-10-0 S. O'Neill
030 SPACED OUT (C) 10-10-0 Mr B. Dowling (7)
00U JACKO (C) 13-10-0 ... P. Scudamore
004 NATIVE BREAK 8-10-0 S. Morshead
234 ROCKIN BERRY 10-10-0 Mr T. Jackson
1P0 MEMBRIDGE 10-10-0 .. R. Dunwoody
040 TENS OR BETTER (C) 11-10-0 ... R. Crank
21P- HATTON LAD ★ 9-10-0 S. Newman
200- SON OF QUIVER 9-10-0 Jessica Turner (7)
1984: Bridge Ash 11-10-6 A. Webber 9-2 J. Johnson 13 ran.
Betting forecast: 4 Bonum Omen, 5 Immigrate, 13-2 Sailor's Return, 8 Galleon Beach, Jimmy Miff, Rockin Berry, 10 Native Break, Jacko, 14 Membridge.
TOP FORM TIPS: Immigrate 8, Bonum Omen 7, Galleon Beach 6.

4 30 — WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB HANDICAP CHASE: 2m £1,485 (17 runners).
131 ITSGOTTABEALRIGHT (5lb ex) (D) 8-11-2 S. Morshead
023 TUDOR ROAD (C/D) (BF) 10-11-7 B. Powell
-24P JOHN SILVER (C) 9-11-5 R. Hyett
3F0 SKYTRAIN JETSET 6-11-0 ——
-010 ARCHERS PRINCE 7-10-13 A. Webber
2P0 CROWNING MOMENT ★ (D) 10-10-13 J. Duggan (4)
040 DUNDRUM BAY (C/D) 10-10-12 R. Hoare
240 COLE PORTER 10-10-8 G. McCourt
204 POMPOSITY 8-10-6 ... W. Knox (7)
1P-0 CHRYSIPPOS (D) 8-10-6 ... P. Scudamore
-432 LAW VENTURE 11-10-0 M. Bastard
FU0 FARE LOVE 6-10-0 ...... P. Warner
13/0 STAN'S PET 7-10-0 ...... ——
000 MR CHOW 6-10-0 ... Mr C. Bridgett
432 LUCKY GEM 8-10-0 ...... G. Moore
PPP DAN DARE 10-10-0 ...... P. Dever
U'0- VAUNTED 15-10-0 ...... P. Upson
1984: Filletts Farm 10-11-6 Mr R. Dunwoody 10-1 T. Forster 14 ran.
Betting forecast: 7-2 Tudor Road, 4 Itsgottabealright, 6 Law Venture, 13-2 Lucky Gem, Dundrum Bay, 8 John Silver, Cole Porter, 12 Pomposity.
TOP FORM TIPS: Tudor Road 9, Itsgottabealright 8, Law Venture 6.

5 0—ST BARNABAS NOVICE CHASE: Div IV: 2½m: £1,033 (16 runners).
11P BEN LAIR (C) 7-12-0 R. Pusey (4)
32U GOLDEN HORNET 7-11-2 L. Bloomfield (4)
F03 AFRICAN STAR 7-11-0 ...... R. Hoare
-0P0 BROUGHTON LAD 12-11-0 ...... ——
400 CONN THE COBBER 7-11-0 A. Sharpe
-0FU CORBENSON 9-11-0 ...... Philip Hobbs
4FP FERMARO 8-11-0 ...... Mr A. J. Wilson
000 SANDOUGE LANE ★ 8-11-0 P. Murphy
P KAMACHOW 9-11-0 ... Mr C. Bridgett
0 LANGTON CROSS 8-11-0 ... B. Powell
330 LIGHT SENTENCE 7-11-0 ... C. Mann
0F0 SAUSILITO 7-11-0 ...... ——
-0F0 SAYS EYE 10-11-0 Mr N. Babbage (4)
0 THORNTON 6-11-0 ...... S. May
PP-0 CINDY'S RIVAL 7-10-9 ... G. McCourt
000 MASTBAN 6-10-9 ...... P. Richards
Betting forecast: 5-4 Ben Lair, 3 Golden Hornet, 8 Light Sentence, Broughton Lad, 11 African Star, 14 Conn The Cobbler.
TOP FORM TIPS: Ben Lair 8, Golden Hornet 7, Light Sentence 6.

5 30 — PITCHCROFT NOVICE HURDLE: (Div II: 2½m: £918 (24 runners).
04-1 CRUMPET CATCHER (C) 9-11-12 Mr M. Richards (7)
401 TRACY'S 4-11-3 ...... G. Bradley
PP AIREDALE JUNCTION 7-11-2 C. Jones
000 AL SANDRO 6-11-2 ...... C. Mann
F0P ALSIRI 6-11-2 ...... R. Strange
0P0 CHANCE FACT 5-11-2 A. Chamberlain
000 DAINTY JOE 9-11-2 ...... J. Suthern
0-0P EL CITO 8-11-2 ...... ——
0nP HIGHLAND CHATTER 6-11-2 ——
280 LEVANT WAY 5-11-2 ... K. Mooney
4F0 POOR HAL 7-11-2 ...... R. Crank
000 VULSORY'S CLOWN 7-11-2 P. Nicholls
022 CAUCHEMAR 6-10-11 ... Peter Hobbs
404 LIQUER CANDY 6-10-11 G. McCourt
000- MAYBE MAISEY 6-10-11 ... ——
30 RATHGILL SYKE 5-10-11 A. Hulburd (7)
00-0 TIPPERARY SAINT 7-10-11 E. Waite
0-0 TRIDENT MISSILE 6-10-11 J. White
000 HADDACK 4-10-7 ... A. Griffiths
0 MASTER PEPPER 4-10-7 J. Duggan (4)
004 AVERAGE 4-10-2 ... B. Powell
HELLS JOY 4-10-2 ... G. Newman
P PERFECT DOUBLE 4-10-2 Mr J. Cambidge
P STREAKING LADY 4-10-2 R. Dunwoody
1984: Mister Boot 5-11-5 M. Caswell 7-2 fav D. O'Neill 23 ran.
Betting forecast: 2 Tracy's, 3 Levant Way, 5 Crumpet Catcher, 8 Cauchemar, Liquer Candy, 12 Trident Missile, Average.
TOP FORM TIPS: Tracy's 8, Crumpet Catcher 7, Cauchemar 6.

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PROGRAMME GUIDE BY SANDY SMITHIES

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6 0 am Ceefax AM. 6 50 Breakfast Time. 9 20 Pages from Ceefax. 10 30 Play School. 10 50 Gharbar. 11 15 Pages from Ceefax. 12 30 pm News After Noon. 12 57 Regional News. 1 0 Pebble *Mill* at One. *1* 45 King Rollo. 1 50 *Bric-a-*Brac. 2 0 International Snooker: Guinness World Cup — Wales v. Australia. 3 48 Regional News (except London and Scotland). 3 50 Play School. 4 10 The Wombles. 4 15 The Puppy's New Adventures. 4 35 *Jackanory: Uninvited Ghosts* by Penelope Lively. 4 50 Captain Caveman. 5 0 Newsround. 5 10 Seaview. 5 35 Grange Hill. Ceefax sub-titles.

6 0 **NEWS**; Weather, News.

6 35 **REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES.**

7 0 **WOGAN** with David Steel, MP, Barry McGuigan, Bruce Oldfield, and Studs Terkel.

7 40 **MONKEY BUSINESS.** Henry Kelly puts *the questions in another* round of the jazzed-up wildlife quiz; Floella Benjamin, Jeremy Cherfas the resident team leaders.

8 10 **THE TWO RONNIES.** More comic stuff from Barker and Corbett, plus guest chanteuse Elaine Paige, with William Lucas guesting in the movie spoof which imagines a merger between MI5 and CI5 — hence Tinker Tailor Smiley Doyle.

9 0 **NEWS**; Weather News.

9 25 **THE BUDGET.** Shadow Chancellor Roy Hattersley gives *the Opposition reac*tion to the Government's proposals.

9 35 **Q.E.D.**: The 300-Million Year War. Eating bracken can give you a nasty case of *indigestion, or even stunt your growth* — if you're a bug. Not many bugs know that, so they keep on nibbling, the bracken keeps on manufacturing anti-bug chemicals and providing scientific film-makers with material for yet another of those programmes on nature green in tooth and claw. Presenter of this one is biologist John Lawton, whose subject is the whole range of often bizarre defences which the plant world musters against *its age-old insect* enemy.

10 5 **SPORTSNIGHT.** Harry Carpenter introduces a soccer and snooker double bill, including action from one of tonight's Euro-soccer matches featuring a British club looking for a semi-final place. In Bournemouth, the little coloured balls are out again, as Steve Davis leads the England 'A' team against Scotland in the first-round Guinness World Cup match.

12 5 Weather; close.

Wales: 5 35-6 0 pm Wales Today. 6 35-7 0 Sportfolio. **Scotland:** 7 40-8 10 pm Superscot '85. 10 5-12 5 am Sportscene including football action from a Scottish Premier League game. **Northern Ireland:** 5 35 pm Today's Sport. 5 40-6 0 Inside Ulster. 6 35-7 0 Grange Hill.

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6 30-7 20 am Open University. 9 0 Pages from Ceefax. 9 38 Daytime on Two: Science Workshop; 10 0 You and Me; 10 15 Maths File; 10 38 A-Level Studies: Statistics; 11 0 Words and Pictures; 11 17 The Music Arcade; 11 39 General Studies: Biography; 12 5 pm Russian Language and People; 12 30 Honourable Members; 12 55 Switch on to English; 1 21 Descubra Espana; 1 38 Let's See; 2 0 Watch; 2 18 One World; 2 40 Zig Zag — Ceefax sub-titles; 3 0 Pages from Ceefax;. 3 50 International Snooker: Wales v. Australia.

5 30 **NEWS** *with sub-titles*; weather.

5 35 **ARTHUR NEGUS ENJOYS**: Stanway House, Gloucestershire — Arthur and guest Hugo Morley-Fletcher enjoy the porcelain collection at an *elegant* Cotswold home.

6 0 **RUN OF THE ARROW.** Sam Fuller's quirky, tough Western, made in 1957, stars Rod Steiger as the Confederate *soldier* who joins up with the Sioux after the Civil War; Brian Keith as his old Yankee foe, plus Charles Bronson in Indian garb.

7 25 **OPEN SPACE: ADVOCACY**: Assault On Democracy. Local government is neither as efficient nor as independent as democracy demands. Thus barrister Michael Mansfield, challenging Islington, Westminster and Bradford councils to defend their record, on behalf of an odd coalition of voters who say they feel excluded from access to the Town Hall *seats* of power.

8 10 **BOOKMARK.** How did E. M. Forster come to write A Passage To India? Using archive film, the novel itself and Forster's letters and diaries, Ian Hamilton charts the creative process. Plus an assessment of Graham Greene's rediscovered The Tenth Man both as novel and as film that might have been, and some thoughts on why the first-ever bestseller Pamela should have merited reviving as a stage production.

9 0 **HOLLYWOOD COWBOY.** First TV showing for Howard Zieff's captivating, affectionate comedy, made in 1975 and celebrating both the Western myth and the Hollywood of the Thirties. Jeff Bridges plays *a starry-eyed young writer who* heads West in search of inspiration and ends up as a movie extra, with worthy support from Blythe Danner, Alan Arkin, Donald Pleasence.

10 40 **THE BUDGET.**

10 50 **NEWSNIGHT.** 11 35 Weatherview.

11 40 **HOUSE OF LORDS.** Coverage of the debate on the Alliance motion calling for repeal of Section Two of the Official Secrets Act.

11 55 Open University. 12 45 Close.

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6 15 am Good Morning Britain. 9 25 Headlines; Schools: 9 35 Start the Day; 9 47 Starting Science; 10 4 The Micro at Work; 10 21 The English Programme; 10 48 School's Out; 11 10 Stop, Look, Listen; 11 22 Picture Box; 11 39 How We Used to Live. 12 0 Button Moon. 12 10 pm Our Backyard. 12 30 Mr and Mrs. 1 0 News. 1 20 Thames News. 1 30 A Country Practice. 2 25 Home Cookery Club. 2 30 On the Market. 3 0 Gems. 3 25 News Headlines. 3 30 Sons and Daughters. 4 0 Button Moon. 4 15 Batfink. 4 20 Do It. Oracle sub-titles. 4 45 Fraggle Rock. 5 15 Blockbusters.

5 45 **NEWS**; weather.

6 0 **THAMES NEWS.**

6 25 **HELP!** with Viv Taylor Gee.

6 35 **CROSSROADS.**

7 0 **WISH YOU WERE HERE . . . ?** Chris Kelly tries a fly-drive trip to France, and explores ancient Antibes; Down Under, Anneka reaches the Australian tropics, and Judith Chalmers on the Suffolk coast contemplates Constable country. Oracle sub-titles.

7 30 **CORONATION STREET.** Oracle sub-titles.

8 0 **THIS IS YOUR LIFE.** Eamonn Andrews with another surprise biography.

8 30 **THERE COMES A TIME . . .** Andrew Sachs as the medical *phenomenon of Wally K. Daly's curi*ous sitcom, now the victim of another fame-seeking physician (Michael Jayston) and the subject of a cold-blooded experiment. Oracle sub-titles.

9 0 **THE LAST PLACE ON EARTH.** 6: Foregone Conclusion. Penultimate instalment of Trevor Griffiths' Antarctic drama, with Martin Shaw as Scott, *finally making* it to the Pole — only to discover that the Norwegian explorers have been and gone. With Sverre Anker Ousdal as Amundsen, *Pat Roach as* Petty Officer Evans, first of the dejected British party to succumb to the rigours of the return journey. Oracle sub-titles.

10 0 **NEWS AT TEN**; weather.

10 30 **BUDGET 85.** With Shadow Chancellor Roy Hattersley.

10 40 **DEATH WISH.** Michael Winner's *brutal revenge thriller, made in* 1974, stars Charles Bronson as the New York businessman who turns vengeful vigilante when his wife and daughter are attacked in the street. Vincent Gardenia is the cop trying to stop him.

12 25 **NIGHT THOUGHTS** with Dr Roger Williamson. Closedown.

Channel 4

[illegible] **A PLUS.**

[illegible] **THEIR LORDSHIPS' HOUSE.** Live coverage of this afternoon's debate in the Upper Chamber, on Section Two of the Official Secrets Act — or to put it more plainly, the Ponting affair.

6 9 **COUNTDOWN.** Richard Whiteley.

6 30 **THE LIVING BODY**: Into the World. After last week's programme following the development of mother-to-be Sally Neville's pregnancy, this one focuses on the changes in Sally's body — *and her baby's — during the birth* and after.

7 0 **CHANNEL FOUR NEWS.** 7 50 Comment. By Tory MP Jeremy Hanley. Weather.

8 0 **THE DRAGON HAS TWO TONGUES.** 11: How Red Was My Valley? Was Lloyd George the true representative of Welsh political opinion in the early years of this century, or was Marx the real inspiration? Professor Gwyn Williams has his predictable view of the motivating force behind the new, heavily-industrial Wales; Wynford Vaughan-Thomas, disagreeing as ever, puts the case for liberalism.

8 30 **DIVERSE REPORTS**: Dieting Makes You Guilty.

9 0 **VISIONS.** The monthly cinema magazine includes a profile of Fellini's favourite cameraman Peppino Rotunno, and another of the exiled Chilean director *Raul Ruiz.*

10 0 **ANOTHER WAY.** The Hungarian movie season concludes with Karoly Makk's 1979 drama, groundbreaking in its day for its political *and sexual outspokenness, about* the ill-fated Lesbian affair between two colleagues, one of them married, in the period of political unrest after Hungary's 1956 uprising.

12 0 **BOOK FOUR.** Martin Amis, Margaret Forster and biographer Humphrey Carpenter join Hermione Lee to review Michael Scammell's Solzhenitsyn biography, first novel Family Myths and Legends, by Patricia Ferguson, and The Engineer of Human Souls, by Josef Skvorecky.

12 30 **DADARAMA**: Cumbrae Clyde. 12 40 Close.

S4C: 1 0 pm Countdown. 1 30 S.W.A.L.K. 2 0 Beth, Sut, Pam, Pryd a Bie? 2 20 Ffalabalam. 2 35 Hyn o Fyd. 3 0 Their Lordships' House. Live coverage from the House of Lords of the debate on Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act. 4 15 Irish Angle. 4 45 Ffalabalam. 4 45 Hanner awr Fawr. 5 35 Danger Man. 6 0 Brookside. 6 30 PWL. 7 0 Newyddion Saith. 7 30 Dilyn yr Og. 8 0 Cany Gwledydd *Bychain*. 8 35 Y Byd ar Bedwar. 9 5 Film: Ticket to Heaven. 1981 Canadian thriller with Nick Mancuso. 11 0 Diverse Reports. 11 30 Eastern Eye. 12 30 am Diwedd.

Anglia

6 15 As London. 1 20 Anglia News. 1 30 A Country Practice. 2 30 As London. 6 0 About Anglia. 6 35 As London. 12 25 Candles in the Dark; close.

Central

6 15 As London. 12 30 Something to Treasure. 1 0 News. 1 20 Central News. 1 30 Hardcastle and McCormick. 2 30 As London. 5 15 Newshound. 5 45 News. 6 0 Crossroads. 6 25 Central News. 7 0 As London. 12 25 Close.

Channel

6 15 As London. 12 30 Teachers Only. 1 0 News. 1 20 Channel News. 1 30 A Country Practice. 2 30 As London. 5 15 The Phyllis Diller Show. 5 45 News. 6 0 Channel Report. 6 30 Crossroads. 6 55 Home Cookery Club. 7 0 As London. 10 30 Election '85 The Deputies. 11 0 Rock of the 70s. 11 25 News in French; weather; close.

Granada

6 15 As London. 12 30 The Sullivans. 1 0 News. 1 20 Granada Reports. 1 30 A Country Practice. 2 30 As London. 3 30 The Young Doctors. 4 0 As London. 5 15 Wild Winter. 5 45 News. 6 0 This is your Right. 6 5 Crossroads. 6 30 Granada Reports. 7 0 As London. 12 25 Close.

HTV

6 15 As London. 12 30 Benson. 1 0 News. 1 20 HTV News. 1 30 Simon & Simon. 2 30 As London. 5 15 Three Little Words. 5 45 News. 6 0 HTV News. 6 35 As London. 12 25 Weather; close.

Wales: As West except: 6 0-6 35 pm Wales at Six.

South

6 15 As London. 12 30 The Sullivans. 1 0 News. 1 20 TVS News. 1 30 Afternoon Club; Mr & Mrs. 2 0 Problem Page. 2 30 As London. 3 30 The Young Doctors. 4 0 As London. 6 0 Coast to Coast. 6 35 As London. 12 25 Company; close.

South-West

6 15 As London. 12 30 Teachers Only. 1 0 News. 1 20 TSW News. 1 30 As London. 5 15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 5 20 Crossroads. 5 45 News. 6 0 Today South-west. 6 30 Scene South-west. 7 0 As London. 12 25 Postscript; weather; close.

Tyne-Tees

6 15 As London. 12 30 Bygones. 1 0 News. 1 20 North-east News. 1 25 Where the Jobs are. 1 30 A Country Practice. 2 30 As London. 5 15 Whose Baby? 5 45 News. 6 2 Crossroads. 6 25 Northern Life. 7 0 As London. 12 25 Hard Words for Today; close.

Yorkshire

6 15 As London. 12 30 Calendar Health Club. 1 0 News. 1 20 Calendar News. 1 30 Falcon Crest. 2 30 As London. 5 15 Survival. 5 45 News. 6 0 Calendar. 6 35 As London. 12 25 Close.

RADIO

Radio 1

6 0 am *Adrian John.* 7 0 Mike Read. 9 0 Simon Bates. 12 0 pm Mark Page. 2 30 Steve Wright. 5 0 Bruno Brookes. 7 30 Janice Long. 10 0-12 0 am John Peel.

Radio 2

4 0 am Colin Berry. 6 0 Ray Moore. 8 5 Ken Bruce. 10 30 Jimmy Young. 1 5 pm David Jacobs. 2 0 Gloria Hunniford. 3 30 Music all the Way. 4 0 David Hamilton. 6 0 *John Dunn.* 8 0-9 30 medium wave European Soccer Special. 8 0 VHF String Sound. 8 30 VHF Male Voice Choir Competition.

Radio 3

6 55 Weather.
7 0 News; Your Midweek Choice.
9 0 News; This Week's Composers: Schuman and Thomson. Schuman: Song of Orpheus (Leonard Rose, cello, Cleveland Orch/ Szell); Thomson: Five songs from William Blake (Henry Herford/ Robin Bowman): The Plow that Broke the Plains (Los Angeles CO/Marriner).
10 0 Mozart: Piano Concerto No 25. Zoltan Kocsis/Vienna PO/ Abbado.
10 35 John Ward: Madrigals from Manuscript. Consort of Musicke/ *Anthony Rooley.*
11 5 British Music. BBC Scottish SO/ Seaman. Elgar: Overture Froissart; Alexander Mackenzie: Benedictus; Holst: Fugal Concerto; Butterworth: Banks of *Green Willow; Tippett: Ritual* Dances from The Mid-Summer Marriage.
12 15 Concert Hall: Jonathan Williams (horn), Caroline Palmer (piano). Hindemith: Sonata; Poulenc: Elegie; Glazunov: Reverie; Francaix: Divertimento.
1 0 News; Sims and Pass. Joe Pass (guitar) and Zoot Sims (tenor saxophone).
1 30 Matinee Musicale: BBC Concert Orch/Ashley Lawrence, Dinah Harris (sop). Johann Strauss Jr: Overture Die Fledermaus; arr Canteloube: Three Songs of the Auvergne; Walton: Suite, Henry V; Messager: Petite Dinde; Rossignol; Weinberger: polka from Schwanda the Bagpiper; Dvorak: Two Folksongs; Strauss: Rosenkavalier waltzes.
2 30 ". . . a full, bell-like tone". Malcolm Bilson plays sonatas by Mozart and Beethoven on a modern fortepiano based on the instruments of Anton Walter.
3 15 Music for The Tempest. Purcell: Overture The Tempest (Monteverdi Orch/Gardiner): Sibelius: Tempest Suites (Hungarian State SO/Jalas).
4 0 Choral Evensong from Wells Cathedral.
4 55 News; Mainly for Pleasure.
6 30 Debut: Roth String Quartet. Mendelssohn: Quartet Op 44 No 1.
7 0 The Shakuhachi. Music for Japanese flute.
7 20 Boney Jan and the Flying Man. Play by Nigel Baldwin.
9 5 Un re in ascolto. Musical action by Luciano Berio, recorded at the 1984 Saltzburg Festival. Sung in German and Italian with Theo Adam, Karan Armstrong, Vienna PO/Maazel.
9 55 Six Continents.
10 15 Un re in ascolto. Part 2.
11 0 Parikian/Milne/Fleming Trio. Beethoven: Variations Op 44; Schubert: Trio in B flat.
11 57 News.

Radio 4

5 55 Shipping forecast.
6 0 News Briefing.
6 10 Farming Today.
6 25 Prayer for the Day
6 30 Today, including 7 0, 8 0: News; 8 35 Yesterday in Parliament.
9 0 News; Money Box Budget Call (01-580 4411). Discuss the budget proposals with the Money Box team.
10 0 News; Gardeners' Question Time visits Avon.
10 30 Morning Story: Ring-a-ding-ding by Nan Woodhouse.
10 45 Daily Service.
11 0 News: Richard Lewis at 70. Conversation with the operatic tenor.
11 48 *What's in a Name.*
12 0 News: You and Yours.
12 27 Gold of the Conquerors. Thriller serial by Colin Shaw. (2).
1 0 The World at One: News.
1 40 The Archers.
2 0 News: Woman's Hour with guest. of the week witty singing trio Fascinating Aida.
3 0 News; Afternoon Play: Quids in. Seconds out by John McKenzie.
3 47 Time for verse.
4 0 News: File on 4.
4 40 Short Story: Jennings in Particular by Anthony Buckeridge (2).
5 0 PM. News Magazine.
6 0 The Six O'Clock News;
6 30 *Just a Minute.*
7 0 News: The Archers.
7 20 Riding with the Boys. Recollections of Margaret 'Tim' Harrison (1892-1983).
7 45 Books of the Century: Kenneth *Grahame's* Wind in the Willows, Chosen by Claire Rayner.
8 15 A Sound of Revelry by Night. Feast on the eve of Waterloo.
8 45 Analysis: Match of the Day – Liverpool v Whitehall. Patrick Jenkin tackles Liverpool's Labour Council.
9 30 The Alternative Diplomacy (2).
9 45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine.
10 15 A Book at Bedtime: The Rich Mrs Robinson by Winifred Beechey. (3).
10 30 The World Tonight.
11 15 The Financial World Tonight.
11 30 Today in Parliament.
12 0 News; Weather; Shipping

VHF: 11 0-12 0 For Schools: 11 0 Singing Together (19): 11 20 Junior Drama Workshop: 11 40 Contact 11 55 Top[illegible] Songbook (9); 1 55-3 0 For Schools: 1 55 Listening Corner 2 5 Something to Think About; 2 15 Quest: The Power of the Story. 2 35 Pictures in Your Mind (Music). 2 45 Nature. 5 50-5 55 PM (continued). 11 0 Study on 4: When Language. 11 30-12 10 Open University: 11 30 Modern Art: Pissarro. 11 53 The Parents' Centre. 12 30-1 10 am Schools Night-time Broadcasting: Making Work 5: Help, 6: Finding Out.

Wales (3 40m.): 4 am As Radio 2. 6 25 Daloni Roberts. 7 33 AM. 10 3 Mike Flynn. 11 30 That's How It Was. 12 30 pm Meet for Lunch. 1 40 Catchphrase. 1 45 The Russell Grant Show. 3 33 Radio Brynsiencyn. 4 Four-Five-Six. 6 0 As Radio 4. 7 0 Catchphrase 2. 7 5 As Radio 4. 8 45 Male Voice Choir Competition. 9 30 As Radio 4. 9 45 Interlude. 9 55-4 0 am As Radio 2.

Cymru (VHF): 5 55 am Weather. Gweler Radio 4. 6 25 Helo Bobol. 9 5 Ar Log i Chadw. 10 2 Galw Alun. 11 0 Newyddion Da. 11 10 Ysgolion. 11 30 Stondin Ddyddiol. 12 15 pm Talwrn y Beirdd. 1 0 Ar yr Awr. 1 20 Hwyl ar y Maes. [illegible] O Glawr i Glawr. 2 0 Ysgolion. 3 [illegible] Interlude. 3 47 Gweler Radio 4. 5 0 Post Prynhawn. 6 0 Gweler Wales. 9 45 Dresden. 10 15 Newyddion: Ar Hyd Y Nos. 11 30-1 10 am Gweler Radio 4 (VHF).

Scotland (370m): 6 0 am As Radio 4. 6 10 Farming News. 6 30 Good Morning Scotland. 8 45 Jimmy Mack. 11 3 Macgregor's Gathering. 12 0 News. Make Minor Music. 12 30 pm Lunchtime Report. 1 0 As Radio 4. 1 40 Options. 2 3 Taking Issue with Colin Bell. 3 3 Art Salter. 5 0 Good Evening Scotland. 6 0 News; Piping. 6 35 Just for Fun. 7 2 Farming News. 7 20 The Islay Connection. 8 0 Wardell on Wednesday. 9 30 Mostly Music. 10 0 News. Tom Ferrie. 12 0-Close As Radio 4.

World Service

BBC World Service can be received in Western Europe on medium wave 648 kHZ (463m) at the following times GMT: 6 0 am Newsdesk. 7 0 News. 7 9 Twenty-four Hours. 7 30 Report on Religion. 7 45 That's Ted. 8 0 News. 8 9 Reflections. 8 15 Classical Record Review. 8 30 Mainstream. 9 0 News. 9 9 British Press Review. 9 15 The World Today. 9 30 Financial News. 9 40 Look Ahead. 9 45 Kicking up the Sawdust. 10 0 News. Time Remembered. 10 30 My World! 11 0 News. 11 9 News about Britain. 11 15 Mediterranean Dialogue. 12 0 Radio Newsreel. 12 15 pm Nature Notebook. 12 25 The Farming World. 12 45 Sports Roundup. 1 0 News. 1 9 Twenty-four Hours. 1 30 Handel and the Oratorio. 2 0 Outlook. 2 45 Report on Religion. 3 0 Radio Newsreel. 3 15 The Classical Guitar. 3 30 Yes Minister. 4 0 News. 4 9 Commentary. 4 15 Rock Salad. 4 45 The World Today. 5 0 News. 5 9 Monitor. 5 25 New Ideas. 5 35 Waveguide. 8 0 News. 9 15 International Soccer Special. 10 0 News. 10 9 The World Today. 10 25 Book Choice. 10 30 Financial News. 10 40 Reflections. 10 45 Sports Roundup. 11 0 News. 11 9 Commentary. 11 15 Mediterranean Dialogue. 11 30 Top Twenty. 12 0 News. 12 9 am news About Britain. 12 15 Radio Newsreel. 12 30 Yes Minister. 1 0 News. Outlook. 1 30 Waveguide. 1 40 Book Choice. 1 45 Monitor. 2 0 News. 2 9 British Press Review. 2 15 Network UK. 2 30 Assignment. 3 0 News. 3 9 News about Britain. 3 15 The World Today. 3 30 A Bach Celebration. 4 0 Newsdesk. 4 30 International Soccer Special. 5 45 The World Today.

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THEATRES

London

ADELPHI. 836 7611/240 7914/3. CC 741 9999/836 7358. Group Sales 930 6123. "SENSATIONAL. WILL BECOME THE SHOW OF THE YEAR" D. Exp. THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL ME AND MY GIRL ROBERT LINDSAY "An Absolutely Inspired Performance" Fin. Times. FRANK THORNTON EMMA THOMPSON AND DAZZLING CO. OF 60. DIRECTED BY MIKE OCKRENT "BREATH-TAKINGLY INVENTIVE, AN EVENING AND A HALF" PUNCH. "HAS A MODERN AUDIENCE HYSTERICAL WITH DELIGHT" S. Tel. "THE HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN" S. Exp. Nightly at 7.30. Mats. Wed. 2.30 & Sat. 4.45 & 8.15. Good Friday & Easter Mon. at 7.30. BOOKING THROUGH SEPT 28. '85.

ALBERY. 836 6878. CC. 379 6565/379 6433. Grp. Sales. 930 6123/836 3962. Eves 8.00. Thurs. mat. 3.00 and Sat. 5.00 & 8.15. THE SEVEN YEAR ITCH by GEORGE AXELROD "SPARKLING COMEDY" D. Tel. Starring PATRICK MOWER "Dashing rakish." Gdn. ADRIENNE POSTA "Impish vivacity." D. Tel. ROYCE MILLS "Brilliant." D. Tel. ISABELLE AMYES "Subtle sex appeal." D. Mail. Directed by JAMES ROOSE EVANS "SPRIGHTLY PRODUCTION" Std.

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ALMEIDA THEATRE. 359 4404. Dostoyevsky's THE POSSESSED. Evgs. 7.15 (tomor. 6.30). Sat. Mats. 2 pm.

AMBASSADORS. 836 6111. CC 741 9999. Grp. Sales 930 6123. Evgs. 8.0. Sat. 5.30 & 8.30. THE LITTLE THEATRE OF COMEDY KELLY MONTIETH IN ONE

APOLLO VICTORIA. 828 8665. CC 630 6262. Group Sales 930 6123. STARLIGHT EXPRESS Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER Lyrics by RICHARD STILGOE Directed by TREVOR NUNN "A MUSICAL THAT SURPASSES ANYTHING AROUND IN EVERY DIMENSION." D. Exp. Evgs. 7.45. Mats. Tue. & Sat. 3.0. BOX OFFICE OPEN 10 am-8 pm. A limited number of seats avail. for Tues. Mat. limited to 2 per person. Some £2 standing room tickets are avail. ½ hour before every performance for the unwaged and students.

ARTS THEATRE. 836 2132/3334. GLC BLACK THEATRE SEASON. Evgs. 8 pm. Carib. Theatre prods. presents THE NEW HARDWARE STORE. "Brings the Black Theatre Season to a memorable end." S. Times.

ASTORIA THEATRE. Box Office / CC 734 4287/8/9. Group Sales 930 6123. GO! GO! GO! GO! GO! (Lit Rev) THE HIRED MAN AN EPIC LOVE STORY BY MELVYN BRAGG & HOWARD GOODALL BY ARRANGEMENT WITH ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER "BEST MUSICAL OF THE YEAR" Int. Herald Tribune. LAURENCE OLIVIER AWARDS 84. PAUL CLARKSON — BEST ACTOR. Evgs 8.0. Mats. Wed. 3.0. Sat. 4.0 IVOR NOVELLO AWARD FOR BEST MUSICAL OF 1984 LAST 4 DAYS — MUST CLOSE SAT. WED. MATS. ALL SEATS £7.50 & £5.

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THE PIT Final Perfs BREAKING THE SILENCE by Poliakoff. ton't. tomor 7.30 (runs 2½ hrs). WASTE by Granville-Barker Fri-Sat. From 9 April THE PARTY by Trevor Griffiths.

COMEDY 01-930 2578. CC 839 1438. Evgs 8.0. Fri. and Sat. 6.0 & 8.45. THE MONSTER MUSICAL HIT LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS 2nd FINGER LICKIN' YEAR!! "I LOVED IT—HOPE IT RUNS FOR A 1,000 YEARS"— T. Out. Seats at some Perfs from £6.50. Group Sales Box Office 930 6123.

COTTESLOE. 928 2252 CC 928 5933 'S' (National Theatre's small auditorium — low price tkts). Ton't 7.30 last perf. the Pulitzer prize-winning play GLENGARRY GLEN ROSS by David Mamet. Ton't 5.45 Couples. 45 min. platform perf. all tkts. £1.80.

CRITERION. S 930 3216 CC 379 6565. 741 9999. 379 6433. Groups 836 3962. Evgs 8.0. Mats Thurs. 2.30. Sat. 5.30 & 8.30. BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST The Theatre of Comedy Company ROBIN ASKWITH JACK SMETHURST PETER SALLIS in RUN FOR YOUR WIFE Written and directed by RAY COONEY Over 800 side-splitting perfs. "SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE." S. Exp. Seats £4.50 to £9.50 Special Theatre Dinner Criterion Brasserie/Stalls or Circle Tkt £14.60

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DUCHESS THEATRE. 836 8243. 240 9648. "Superbly played by . . ." Mail on Sun. COLIN BLAKELY DOROTHY TUTIN in OTHER PLACES by Harold Pinter Directed by Kenneth Ives "The acting by Colin Blakely . . . Dorothy Tutin & Susan Engel has no equal in London." S. Times. "A Kind of Alaska & One For The Road are indisputably masterpieces." "As rewarding an evening of theatre as to be found anywhere now in London." S. Tel. "Spellbinding." Times. Evgs. Mon.-Thurs. 7.30. Fri. & Sat. 6.00 & 8.30.

DUKE OF YORK'S. S 836 5122. CC 836 9837/379 6433. Grp Sales 930 6123. Eves. 8. Mat. Thu. 3, Sat 5 & 8.30. "TRIUMPH ON TAP" Eve Std. STEPPING OUT The Hit Comedy by Richard Harris Directed by Julia McKenzie COMEDY OF THE YEAR Standard Drama Award 1984 "LAUGH YOURSELF SILLY" T. Out "Had the first night audience yelling for more." D. Mail. "Must surely take the town . . . GO NOW." D. Tel. "Roars of approval." Times. "It's going to tap, tap, tap forever." N.o.W. "A brand new All Dancing, All Joking Smash Hit Comedy . . . A GREAT EVENING." BBC

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HAMPSTEAD THEATRE. 722 9301. Evgs. 7.45. Mat. Sat. 5.00. Susan Woolleridge, Marjorie Yates in NIGHT MOTHER by Marsha Norman. "A well nigh perfect piece of work." D. Tel. "A remarkable play, profound and moving, splendid performances." T. Out.

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL 930 9832. Group Sales 930 6123. MAGGIE SMITH JOAN PLOWRIGHT & MICHAEL JAYSTON in THE CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE PRODUCTION OF THE WAY OF THE WORLD Directed by William Gaskill "Maggie Smith returns to our stage in glory." F. Times. "The most outstanding achievement was that of Joan Plowright." Std. "William Gaskill's superb production." Punch. Evgs 7.30. Mats Wed. 2.30. Sat. 3.0. MAGGIE SMITH, ACTRESS OF THE YEAR. STANDARD DRAMA AWARD LAST 4 WEEKS

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LYRIC, Shaftesbury Ave. 437 3686/7. CC 434 1050, 434 1550. Evgs. 8.0. Wed. Mats. 3.0. Sats. 5.30 & 8.30. LAST TWO WEEKS THE NATIONAL THEATRE PRODUCTION JULIE WALTERS IAN CHARLESON FOOL FOR LOVE by Sam Shepard Directed by Peter Gill "Blazingly impressive performances in a throat-clutcher of a play." Mail on Sunday.

LYTTELTON. 928 2252. CC 928 5933 'S' (National Theatre's proscenium stage) Ton't, Tomor. 7.45, then March 22 to 27 & April 25 to 27 the multi award-winning play WILD HONEY by Chekhov, version by Michael Frayn.

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ACADEMY 1. 437 2981. The Tavianis' KAOS (15). Sep. perfs. Weekdays 2.30, 7.25. Suns. 3.40, 7.25. Ends March 20.

ACADEMY 2. Olivier's RICHARD III (U). Film at 2.0 (not Sun.). 5.0, 8.0.

ACADEMY 3. 437 8819. Marcel Carne's LES ENFANTS DU PARADIS (PG). Films 4.10, & 7.20.

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CAMDEN PLAZA. 485 2443 (opp tube Camden Town). Alex Cox's REPO MAN (18). Film at 1.15, 3.05, 5.00, 7.00, 9.05. Must end Wed. March 20. From Thurs., March 21, STRAUB / HUILLET'S CLASS RELATIONS. (PG). Film at 1.20, 3.40, 6.05, 8.35. For one week only.

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PLAZA 1. Piccadilly Circus. DANCE WITH A STRANGER (15). Sep. progs. Daily 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45*.

PLAZA 2. DUNE (PG). In 70mm STEREO. Sep. Progs. Daily 2.30, 5.30, 8.15*.

PLAZA 3. TRADING PLACES (15). Cont. progs. Daily 1.05 (not Sun.). 5.0, 9.0. TOP SECRET (15). Cont. progs. daily 3.05, 7.05.

PLAZA 4. INDIANA JONES AND THE TEMPLE OF DOOM (PG). In DOLBY STEREO. Sep. Progs. Daily 1.0. (not Sun.) 3.30, 6.0, 8.30*.

CURZON MAYFAIR. Curzon St. W1. 01-499 3737. James Mason, Edward Fox in THE SHOOTING PARTY (15). "Superb" S. Exp. "A Brilliant Film" BBC. Film at 2.00 (not Sun). 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.

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GATE, BLOOMSBURY 1 and 2. 837 8402/1177. Russell St. Tube. 1: A PRIVATE FUNCTION (15) 2.0, 3.45, 5.30, 7.15, 9.0. 2: BEING THERE (15). 2.00, 6.30. THE POSTMAN ALWAYS RINGS TWICE (18). 4.20, 8.50.

GATE, NOTTING HILL. 221 0220, 727 5750. PHAR LAP — HEART OF A NATION (PG). 3.00. 5.00. 7.00. 9.00.

ICA CINEMA. The Mall. SW1. 930 3647. Tues. - Sun. WILLIAM RICHERT'S WINTER KILLS. Kennedy-conspiracy political satire from the book by Richard Condon. With Jeff Bridges, John Huston, Anthony Perkins. 5.00. 7.00 & 9.00. ICA Cinematheque. PERFORMANCE FILMS SEASON 6.30 Ken McMullen and Stuart Brisley's BEING & DOING plus Tadeusz Kantor's LOVELIES AND DOWDIES. 8.30 RESISTANCE Ken McMullen and Chris Rodrigues separate perfs. All seats bookable.

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE. 930 5252 (Enq.) / 839 1759 (24 Hour Access/Visa Bookings). SCREAM FOR HELP (18). Sep. progs 1.30, 3.55, 6.20, 8.50. Advance Booking for 6.20, 8.50 Perfs.

LUMIERE CINEMA. 379 3014/836 0691. St Martins Lane. WC2. (Nearest Tube Leicester Sq.) Julia Migenes-Johnson & Placido Domingo in Rosi's CARMEN (PG). Film at 1.25, 4.30, 7.45. Seats Bookable for 4.30 & 7.45 Perfs.

MINEMA KNIGHTSBRIDGE. 235 4225. Exclusive presentation until March 21: THE LINDSAY KEMP COMPANY in A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM (15) Daily at 3.0, 5.0, 7.0, 9.0. "Should not be missed" . . . Time Out.

NATIONAL FILM THEATRE. 928 3232. NFT1: 2.30 ROMANCING THE STONE (1) (USA 1983). NFT1: 6.30 (to be announced). NFT1: 8.45 LOCAL HERO (1) (GB 1983). NFT2: 6.15 THEY WON'T FORGET (USA 1937). NFT2: 8.30 MANDINGO (USA 1975).

ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE. (930 6111). Info. 930 4250/4259. Theatre closed today for Royal Film performance, from tomorrow BRAZIL (15). Sep. progs. Doors open 1.15, 4.30, 7.45. Advance Booking for 7.45 perf. Access and Visa phone bookings welcome. Credit Hot Line 839 1929. 24-hour service. £2.00 seats Monday all perfs.

ODEON HAYMARKET (930 2738) [illegible] COUNTRY (PG) Sep. progs. 2.0, 5.45, 8.35. All seats bookable in advance. Access and Visa Telephone bookings welcome.

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SCREEN AT THE ELECTRIC. 229 3694 ONE WEEK ONLY — ENDS THURS BAFTA AWARD WINNER — BEST DIRECTOR PARIS TEXAS (15) 2.30, 5.30, 8.30. Mat all 22. From Fri THE RIVER (15).

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THE ROYAL OPERA Tomor. (Martine Dupuy replaces Tatiana Troyanos) 7.30 I Capuleti e i Montecchi. Fri. Tues. 7.30 Il barbiere di Siviglia. RECITAL Sun. 8.00 Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau.

LOGAN HALL 01-388 1394/387 6293 cc. CAMDEN FESTIVAL 1985 British premieres — concert versions Tue. March 26. 7.30 pm NERONE Boito Abbey Opera Thur. March 28. 7.30 pm FRIEDENSTAG Strauss Chelsea Opera Group

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BLOOMSBURY THEATRE. 01-387 9629 CAMDEN FESTIVAL 1985 March 27, 29, 30. 7.30 pm LA FINTA SIMPLICE. Mozart Park Lane Opera

CONCERTS

SHAW THEATRE 01-388 1394/387 6293 CC CAMDEN FESTIVAL 1985 Mar 18 & 19. 7.30 pm ROMANIAN Maramu Music & Dance Ensemble Mar. 20. 7.30 pm IRISH SCORAIOCHT Mar. 23. 2.0 pm, 6.30 pm Mar. 24. 10.30 am, 2.30 pm Towards a Theatre of Sound Workshops Mar. 24. 7.30 pm Towards a Theatre of Sound Concert Mar. 25 & 26. 7.30 pm PERUVIAN Martina Portocarrero and her group Mar. 27 & 28. 7.30 pm SPANISH Paco Pena and friends Mar. 29 & 30. 7.30 pm GREEK Maria Farandouri and her group

BARBICAN HALL. Barbican Centre, EC2. 01-628 8795/638 8891. No perf ton't. Tomor 7.45 MAHLER FESTIVAL. London Symphony Orchestra Claudio Abbado cond. Owing to unforeseen circumstances the concert performance of Mike Batt's Hunting of the Snark has been cancelled. Ticket holders please return tickets to the Box Office by post for full refund.

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DEATHS

DAS (nee Wilford). — On March 16, 1985, peacefully at her home, 8 Campion Drive, Haslingden, Rossendale, DIANA CLAIRE, aged 47 years, the dearly loved Wife of Dr C. R. Das, dearly loved Mother of John, Paul and Rachel. Funeral Service at St Thomas's Church, Musbury, Helmshore, Haslingden, on Wednesday, March 20 at 1 30 pm, followed by Cremation at Accrington Crematorium at 2 30 pm. Inquiries to Johnson's Funeral Directors, Pleasant Street, Haslingden. Tel Rossendale 214498/213599.
FELLOWS. — On March 17, 1985, in hospital, MARY BELL, the dearly loved Wife of Arthur Fellows, M.B.E. Dear Mother of Sheila and Mother-in-law of John and loved Grandmother of Mandy, Richard and Catherine. Service at Heaton Moor UR Church, Heaton Moor on Friday, March 22 at 11 45 am prior to committal at Stockport Crematorium. No flowers please, donations if desired to Heaton Moor UR Church. Inquiries to George Ball & Son. Tel 061-432 2131.
HAMBLY (EDMUND, F.R.C.S.). — On March 9, 1985, peacefully, at home, Tsharrock, Seer Green, Beaconsfield, Bucks, dearly loved Husband, Father of Elizabeth, Tim, Francis and Anthony, beloved by his Grandchildren. Burial Cornwall. Memorial Meeting 2 30 pm. March 22 at Jordans Meeting House.

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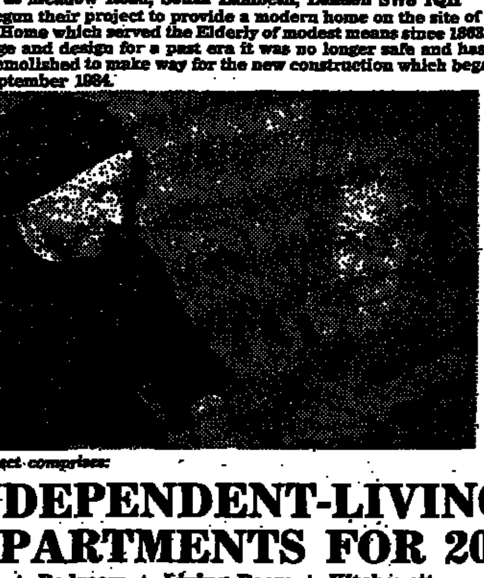

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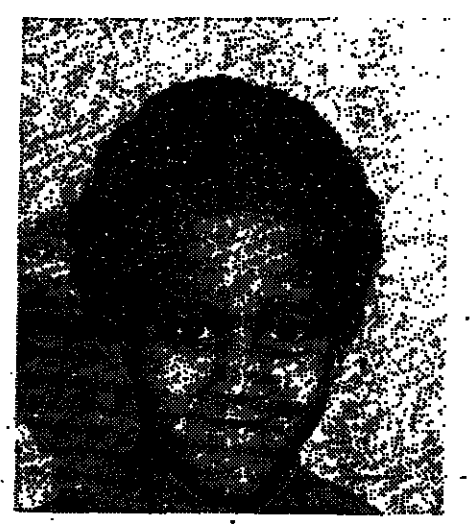

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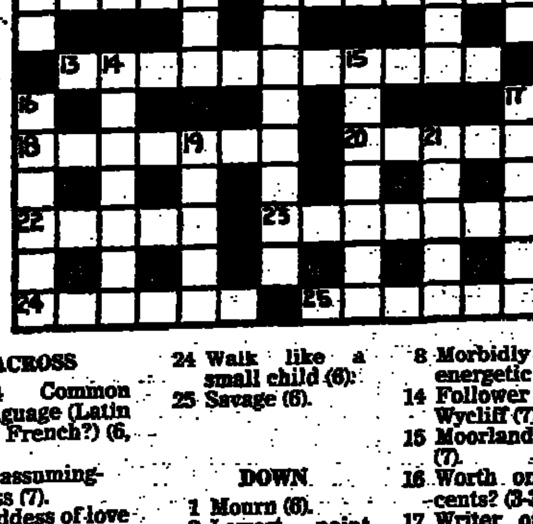

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9 Unassumingness (7).
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13 Coin-operated device (4, 7).
18 Fierce animal — type of strike (4, 3).
20 Tree — or man on council? (5).
22 Pooh's was very small (5).
23 Means of conveyance (7).
24 Walk like a small child (6).
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7 Solution (6).
8 Morbidly energetic (11).
14 Follower of Wycliff (7).
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16 Worth only 25 cents? (3-3).
17 Writer of last year? — river (6).
19 Waterway (5).
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Denning leads humiliation for Lord Chancellor

Second defeat for Hailsham on civil appeals

By Colin Brown

The Government suffered a second defeat last night in the Lords on a controversial compromise proposal by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham, to save judicial time on the procedure for allowing individuals to go to the Court of Appeal for judicial review in civil cases.

For Lord Hailsham, the defeat by 97 votes to 82—a majority of 15—came as an embarrassing and somewhat humiliating rejection of an attempt to overturn an earlier defeat on the Administration of Justice Bill.

It means that unless the Government succeeds in changing the bill at a later stage—which is unlikely—individuals contesting decisions by public bodies such as councils will retain the right to appeal direct to the Court of Appeal.

Lord Hailsham originally proposed a right of appeal to the divisional court. This was rejected. It is understood he then considered an appeal to a divisional court presided over by an appeal judge. But last night he went a step further by proposing an appeal to the Appeal Court if this was rejected by the divisional court.

Lord Denning, the former master of the rolls, rejected Lord Hailsham's compromise and said it would be wrong to think it would save judicial time. "The appeal would mean going before two courts instead of one," he said.

Lord Hailsham protested that he had "actually added an additional right to the existing rights of the applicant."

However, crossbench and Opposition peers were clearly dissatisfied with assurances by Lord Hailsham that there would be an automatic right of appeal, in effect, to the Court of Appeal if an appeal was turned down by the divisional court. They even rejected an offer by Lord Hailsham to redraft the amendment.

Baby's sign of life was muscle spasm

By Susan Tirbutt

A premature baby which had been certified dead but appeared to be alive during a pre-burial ceremony several hours later, died soon after birth, the Leicester coroner, Mr Michael Sharman, recorded yesterday. What had appeared to be signs of life were muscular spasms during the decaying of the body.

The child, called baby Makda during the inquest, was born at 4.50 am on March 13 in Leicester General Hospital after 24 weeks gestation and weighed 1lb. It was certified dead an hour later and taken to the hospital's mortuary at 9.30 am.

The father, Mr Ismail Makda, refused a post mortem examination or to let the hospital dispose of the body. He had taken it home at 11.30 am and his father and a community worker prepared it for burial.

They washed it with lukewarm water, camphor and rose water, Mr Makda told the inquest.

When the baby was placed on a white sheet facing Mecca, movement had started in his legs and he had heard a small cry, Mr Makda said. He and his brother took the body back to the hospital where it was examined again and placed in an incubator.

Dr Kenneth Simpson, consultant paediatrician at Leicester General Hospital, who examined the baby after it was returned, said: "When I saw the baby I thought it was dead, and despite the fact that there was muscular movement, that is still my opinion."

He said different parts of the body died at different rates. There had been no heart beat when he first examined the baby and electrocardiagraph tests showed no recorded activity.

Dr Edward McKay, a consultant pathologist asked to prepare a report for the inquest, said that although the child might have technically been born alive it was considered an abortion or miscarriage.

Three other doctors and three nurses testified that the child might have shown muscular reflex spasms but had either appeared dead or had little chance of survival.

Mr Sharman said: "I am satisfied that although the child appeared to be alive at birth, and I have to find that it was alive, I am equally satisfied on the evidence that it did not live very long at all, a matter probably of minutes."

He added: "The muscular spasm or twitch or the movement or little gasp of breath which seemed to the parents as though the child was alive was in fact the decaying of the body."

Mr Sharman said it was a tragedy but there was no reason to suppose that the child was alive after it had been certified dead. He recorded that the baby had died of natural causes and extreme immaturity.

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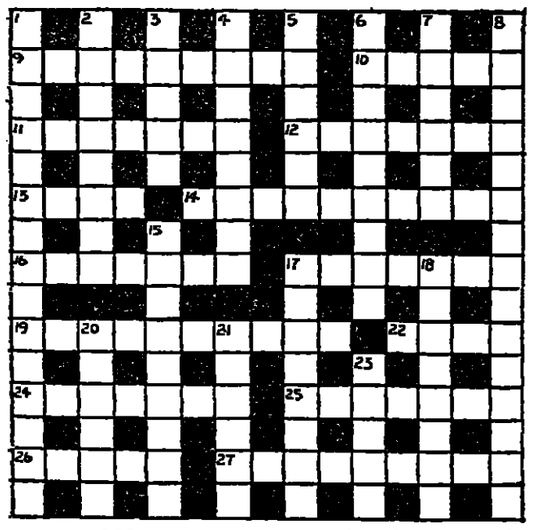

ACROSS

9 They work for exceptionally poor rates (9).
10 Rubbish! The gold will go round (5).
11 Soak backing people in the street (7).
12 Mixed in — aren't seen to get on board (7).
13 Grey's written an article on retiring (4).
14 The forbearance of one element shown in staying away (10).
16 The man who's cast as a gardening expert (7).
17 A sporting dog needs protein (7).
19 Judge offering alternative to a right little backslider (10).
22 In past years there was always some complaint (4).
24 Heeding obstreperous characters, made a beastly noise (7).
25 Service doctor's refuge (7).
26 The Spanish drink produced in Scotland (5).
27 Control others — including coaches (9).

DOWN

1 He'll make personal representations (8, 7).
2 One looks for cunning in a forecaster (8).
3 Food a large number unfortunately sent back (5).
4 "No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds —!" (8).
5 Acquiesce when told to go (6).
6 The country-woman (9).
7 Try very hard to compose some music (6).
8 Constituents agree rates often require adjustment here (6, 4, 5).
15 Changing the punishment (9).
17 Go forward or go right back in a crowd (8).
18 Not all of the litter was attributable to the church (5-3).
20 Game will find a way to get across a river (6).
21 Dicky dreads vipers (6).
23 Begin painting under a good man (5).

Solution tomorrow

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MoD arms chief to face Commons grilling

By James Naughtie and Richard Norton-Taylor

The Commons defence committee is likely to decide today to summon Mr Peter Levene, a former defence contractor, to answer questions on his controversial appointment as head of the Government's arms procurement programme.

A majority of the committee favour calling Mr Levene after the Prime Minister admitted on Monday that the terms of his original appointment was in breach of civil service rules.

Dr David Owen, the Social Democratic leader, challenged the first civil service commissioner, Mr Dennis Trevelyan, to state his views on what he described as the question of whether a political adviser should become a civil servant with executive responsibility at a salary vastly different to anyone else in the Civil Service.

In a letter to Mr Trevelyan, Dr Owen wrote: "The public has a right to know how you interpret and demonstrate your independence, rather than acquiesce in the appointment of Mr Levene in these quite extraordinary circumstances."

It emerged yesterday that all five civil service commissioners—who are responsible for monitoring standards relating to appointments to the Civil Service—considered resigning over the affair but the Government made it clear that it was determined to make the appointment.

The commission is now drawing up guidelines to cover future appointments of people entering the Civil Service on a temporary basis.

Yesterday the defence committee received a seven-page letter from Mr Michael Heseltine, the Defence Secretary, to whom Mr Levene was a former political adviser, explaining the background to the appointment.

Mr Levene's appointment to the post of head of the Ministry of Defence procurement executive, at a salary of £95,000 with a pension contribution of £12,000 a year also paid out of public funds, has caused fury on the Opposition benches.

Mr Gordon Brown, Labour MP for Dunfermline East, has tabled a series of Commons questions to Mr Heseltine asking for details of the contract between Mr Levene and the Government.

Mr Brown said the Government had a duty to reveal the nature of the secondment proposed for Mr Levene. He asked Mr Heseltine whether the proposed secondment was to be from a company that had been awarded contracts from the Ministry of Defence.

It was disgraceful that Mr Levene's former company — United Scientific Holdings, of which he was chairman — was now bidding for a £200 million contract with the MoD for armoured vehicles.

Radical Thatcher policy finally at end

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Paper for the remainder of this Parliament.

Constrained by the conservatism of his own supporters and the suspicions of the financial markets Mr Lawson had nowhere to go but onwards down the road of the new conventional wisdom.

He reiterated the theory of his strategy — monetary policy to hold down inflation and supply side policy to increase competitiveness — but any success which his budget may have in reducing unemployment will have to rely chiefly on lower interest rates and the benign operation of market forces.

So far the record is not promising.

The training and job creation measures for young people which he announced are calculated to bring down the total of unemployment by between 150,000 to 200,000 by a 1987 general election.

That may be scarcely sufficient to reverse the upward trend in unemployment overall. So the question remains: can a government, for the second time running, win an election with three million plus unemployed?

It is improbable that a prime minister seeking re-election will be prepared to gamble her fortunes on the outcomes of Mr Lawson's present strategy.

The economy will grow faster this year but turn down next; so will investment, so will exports. As usual Britain's unit labour costs are growing faster than her competitors, indeed last year they fell in the United States, Japan and Germany.

Now that the radical or dynamic aspects of Thatcherism have given way to conservativism the next stage is for its restrictive and dogmatic aspects to give way to a more pragmatic and positive approach.

Not a word was said by the Chancellor yesterday about the "infrastructure" but by next year the pressure for increased capital spending may have become irresistible, not least from within the Conservative Party.

The pressure will grow because Conservative MPs will not be prepared to stake their seats on arcane economic theories.

They will want something more done about unemployment and, in any case, don't like the idea of Britain falling to bits.

A programme of captial renewal has good patriotic appeal: the U-turn can be performed behind the Union Jack. Next year's budget should be at least more interesting than yesterday's.

Raising the threshold

Paying a price for the miners

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effectively that previous estimates of public spending had been mistaken, and that he was now accepting the reality that atttempts to cut spending were unlikely to be on target next year or the year after.

As an exercise in fiscal honesty, the admission was unique in recent budgets. As a reassurance to the markets about the future of public spending it may prove less successful.

Mr Lawson, however, did not apply the same principles to his estimates for the money supply. Although he conceded that his curbs on money had been fairly unsuccessful over the past two years, he proclaimed that he would be trying again next year.

To the amusement of Labour MPs, he acknowledged that it was necessary to take the exchange rate of the pound in to account in judging monetary conditions.

But it was on public sector borrowing that Mr Lawson had to admit his most serious miscalculation, largely due to "the Scargill factor."

He planned to reduce borrowing substantially in the last year to £7½ billion, but it had turned out to be £10½ billion. All but £½ billion of this overrun was directly attributable to the cost of the coal strike.

He added: "I believe it was right to meet the large but once for all cost of keeping the economy going throughout the coal strike by borrowing, thus in effect spreading the cost over a number of years."

Mr Lawson now intends — on the assumption, presumably, that there will be no more strikes like Mr Scargill's — to return to his spartan past. Next year's target for PSBR — at £7 billion — is even less than his failed target for 1984/85.

For the Tory benches yesterday, perhaps, the key feature of all was the fact that the Chancellor had not, in the end, taxed pension funds or lump sum payments.

But it was Mr Kinnock who possibly provided the best epitaph on Mr Lawson's second budget. It was not a budget for jobs, he said. And it was not even a budget to save the Chancellor's job. He may prove to be right, in the long run.

Austere Lawson gives sterling further boost

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rate of 10.45 per cent will become payable on all income. This will substantially add to the labour costs of some firms employing high-paid workers.

The upper earnings limit on employee contributions has not been abolished, so the tax continues to favour the well paid to some degree.

But the contribution rates for the low paid employees have been cut from 9 per cent to 5 per cent between £35.50 and £55 and to 7 per cent between £55 and £90.

Mr Lawson said that employers will be expected to bear the major part of the cost of the extension of the Youth Training Scheme.

The Government, subject to successful negotiations with employers, is prepared to spend an extra £65 million in 1986-7 and £150 million in 1987-8, not large sums even in relation to the £800 million at present budgeted for YTS.

The scheme, it is said, will lead to a recognised qualification, and will eventually provide two-year places for 16-year-olds and one-year places for 17-year-olds not in full time education.

The expansion of the Community Programme which provides temporary jobs for the long term unemployed takes the number of places from 130,000 at present to 230,000 by June 1986.

It is calculated that this will add a net £75 million to spending in 1985-6 after allowing for benefit savings and £235 million in 1986-7.

The Chancellor is also proposing legislative changes to help free the labour market from what he calls "rigidities." These include a reduction in the qualifying period for claims against unfair dismissal and a consultation paper on Wages Councils which set minimum wages. Mr Lawson said that they destroyed jobs.

Backbench wets claim credit for VAT omission

By James Naughtie, Political Correspondent

The Chancellor found Tory MPs in largely uncritical and relieved mood when he faced them shortly after the end of his budget speech.

None of the prominent wets surfaced after the private meeting of the back bench finance committee attended by about 100 MPs, and Mr Lawson was praised for delivering a budget less fearsome than many of them had expected.

Mr Terence Higgins, a forceful critic of Government economic policy in the past, congratulated the Chancellor on accepting the advice of backbenchers by not extending the VAT base to cover books and children's shoes and particularly for his decision against changing the rules affecting pensions and lump-sum payments.

The loudest cheer at the meeting was for Mr Iain Mills, MP for Meriden, who said there was a clear desire among backbenchers for abolition of all wages councils. Mr Lawson was non-committal in reply, but is known to want to mobilise right-wing support for abolition despite opposing views in the rest of the Cabinet.

Mr Tom King, the Employment Secretary, favours a much more radical step and agreement on how to proceed is still some way off. Rightwingers anxious for more deregulatory moves, however, were encouraged by Mr Lawson's rhetoric in the importance of an enterprise culture.

The only public criticism from the party came in the chamber, where Mr David Knox, MP for Staffordshire Moorlands, a prominent wet, said: "This budget falls short of what is required if it is to make a real impact on unemployment." He accused the Chancellor of sticking to an outdated monetarist doctrine.

Such criticism, however, was muted elsewhere in the party. The combination of some help for the young unemployed and the promise of continuing tax reform without the presence of too many unpopular measures appears to have strengthened Mr Lawson's position.

There was no ecstatic reaction, but neither was there any of the hostility which some ministers feared might mark yesterday's proceedings and herald a period of severe internal difficulty for the Government.

Backbenchers now wait for the next stages of the Government's response to criticism that it has not done enough to tackle unemployment, in the form of an "enterprise package" from Lord Young next month, and the outcome of Mr Norman Fowler's social services reviews which are expected to propose radical changes in the application of benefits to the young.

Mr Tony Beaumont-Dark, Tory MP for Selly Oak, and an officer of the backbench treasury committee, said that some employers of high-paid executives would be looking for redundancies. Anyone earning £50,000 a year would be costing £80 a week extra in national insurance contributions.

Although he was pleased with the package, Mr Beaumont-Dark said the budget was significant for what it omitted —the extension of VAT and the tax on pensions, which showed the Chancellor had listened to the backbenches.

Dr Oonagh McDonald, the shadow treasury minister, said the only good thing about the budget was that it meant the Tories would lose at the next general election. "There were no leaks from the Treasury because there was nothing to leak — there is nothing in the budget for jobs."

THE WEATHER

Sunny intervals

AN anticyclone over Scandinavia will recede eastwards but maintain a weak ridge of high pressure over the British Isles.

London, East S, NW and Cent N England, Midlands, Lake District, Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee: *Mainly dry with sunny intervals.* Wind variable, light. Max temp 5 to 7C (41 to 45F).

SE, E and NE England, E Anglia, Aberdeen: Rather cloudy with snow showers dying out, some bright intervals developing. Wind E or SE, light. Max 4 to 6C (39 to 43F).

Channel Islands, SW England, S and N Wales, Isle of Man, SW and NE Scotland, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Moray Firth: Sunny intervals at first, becoming cloudy with perhaps a little rain or sleet in places later. Wind S, moderate, locally fresh. Max 5 to 7C (41 to 45F).

Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland: Rather cloudy, occasional rain or sleet, more persistent later. Snow on hills. Wind S, strong, locally gale. Max 6 to 8C (43 to 46F)

Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals, scattered snow showers. Wind S, fresh. Max 3 to 5C (37 to 41F).

Outlook: Rather cloudy with rain at times in W districts, mainly dry with sunny intervals in E.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	State of Piste	Wthr.	C
Andermatt	50	220	Good	Fine	-5
Good skiing all slopes					
Andorra-Soldeu	50	120	Good	Snow	-2
New snow on good base					
Arosa	110	150	Good	Fine	-8
New snow on good base					
Courmayeur	1o0	385	Good	Fine	-2
Superb skiing off piste					
Grindelwald	40	120	Good	Fine	+3
Worn patches lower slopes					
Lenzin	40	100	Good	Fine	+1
Good skiing on piste					
Murren	80	230	Good	Fine	-3
Superb skiing everywhere					
St Anton	30	250	Good	Clear	-2
Excellent skiing					
Val Thorens	150	260	Good	Sun	-8
Superb powder everywhere					
Zermatt	30	120	Good	Sun	-2
Good skiing upper slopes					

Compiled by the Ski Club of Great Britain. L, lower slopes; U, upper slopes.

AROUND THE WORLD

Lunch time reports

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	F	12	54	*L Angeles	F	12	54
Algiers	F	20	68	Luxembourg	C	-2	28
Amsterdam	Sn	0	32	Madrid	C	11	52
Athens	C	9	48	Majorca	C	11	52
Bahrain	S	31	88	Malta	C	10	50
*Barbados	F	28	82	Manchester	F	3	37
Barcelona	R	7	45	Melbourne	S	23	73
Beirut	S	20	68	*Mexico C	S	23	73
Belgrade	R	9	48	*Miami	S	21	70
*Bermuda	R	19	66	*Montreal	S	-6	21
Berlin	C	2	36	Moscow	Sn	1	34
Biarritz	R	3	37	Munich	C	0	32
Birmingham	C	2	36	Nairobi	F	29	82
Bombay	S	30	86	Naples	F	9	48
Bordeaux	F	6	43	*Nassau	S	23	73
*Boston	Sn	-3	27	Newcastle	C	3	37
Boulogne	C	2	36	New Delhi	S	25	77
Bristol	F	4	39	*New York	S	23	73
Brussels	C	-1	30	Nice	S	12	54
Budapest	F	10	50	Oporto	F	12	54
*Buenos A	S	21	70	Oslo	S	1	34
Cairo	S	27	81	Paris	S	3	37
Cape Town	F	20	68	Peking	S	12	54
Cardiff	F	5	41	Perth	F	26	79
Casablanca	C	17	63	Prague	Sn	1	34
*Chicago	S	5	41	Reykjavik	C	4	39
Cologne	C	1	34	Rhodes	C	13	55
Copenhagen	Sn	1	34	Riyadh	S	36	97
Corfu	F	11	52	*Rio de Jan	F	28	82
Dublin	C	5	41	Rome	S	11	52
Dubrovnik	F	7	45	Salzburg	F	2	36
Edinburgh	F	5	41	Seoul	S	16	61
Faro	F	17	63	Stockholm	S	2	36
Florence	F	10	50	Strasbourg	C	1	34
Frankfurt	C	1	34	Sydney	C	25	77
Funchal	C	15	59	Tangier	C	14	57
Geneva	S	1	34	Tel Aviv	S	21	70
Gibraltar	F	16	61	Tokyo	R	7	45
Glasgow	C	5	41	Tunis	F	14	57
Helsinki	S	-1	30	Valencia	F	18	64
Hong Kong	F	19	66	*Vancouver	C	8	46
Innsbruck	F	1	34	Venice	C	9	48
Inverness	F	5	41	Vienna	C	2	36
Istanbul	S	18	64	Wellington	F	15	59
Las Palmas	C	18	64	Warsaw	C	4	39
Lisbon	R	13	55	*Washington	S	4	39
Locarno	S	10	50	Zurich	F	-1	30
London	C	3	37				

C, cloudy; F, fair; Fg, fog; R, rain; S, sunny; Sn, snow.

* Previous day's readings.

MANCHESTER READINGS

From 6 pm Monday to 6 am yesterday: Min temp -1C (30F). From 6 am to 6 pm yesterday: Max temp 5C (41F). Total period: rainfall, trace; sunshine, 9.4 hrs.

LONDON READINGS

From 6 pm Monday to 6 am yesterday: Min temp. 1C (34F). From 6 am to 6 pm yesterday: Max temp 5C (41F). Total period: rainfall, 0.1 ins; sunshine, 3.9 hours.

AROUND BRITAIN

Reports for the 24 hours ended 6 pm yesterday.

	Sunshine hr.	Rain in	Max temp C	Max temp F	Weather (day)
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London	3.9	.01	5	41	Snow
Birmingham	5.1	.04	5	41	Snow pm
Bristol	7.4	—	6	43	Sunny
Cardiff	8.9	—	5	41	Sunny
Anglesey	7.9	—	7	45	Sunny
Blackpool	9.7	—	6	43	Sunny
Manchester	9.4	—	5	41	Sunny
Nottingham	5.0	—	5	41	Bright
Newcastle	4.9	—	5	41	Cloudy
Carlisle	9.1	—	5	41	Sunny
EAST COAST					
Scarborough	4.6	.01	4	39	Sunny
Bridlington	6.1	—	4	39	Cloudy pm
Cromer	2.8	.04	3	37	Sleet
Lowestoft	3.0	.02	3	37	Snow
Clacton	4.8	0.6	3	37	Snow am
Margate	—	.04	3	37	Snow am
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	5.4	.06	3	37	Bright
Hastings	4.7	.04	4	39	Snow am
Eastbourne	5.6	.03	4	39	Snow am
Brighton	—	—	4	39	Bright pm
Worthing	6.9	—	5	41	Bright
Bognor Regis	5.8	—	5	41	Sunny am
Southsea	6.7	—	5	41	Sunny am
Sandown	7.1	—	5	41	Showers
Ventnor	7.2	.04	5	41	Snow
Bournemouth	4.7	—	6	43	Cloudy
Poole	3.5	—	5	41	Snow
Swanage	5.9	—	4	39	Bright
Weymouth	5.2	—	6	43	Bright
Exmouth	5.0	—	6	43	Cloudy
Teignmouth	5.6	.11	6	43	Sunny pm
Torquay	3.9	—	6	43	Sunny pm
Falmouth	1.9	.06	6	43	Sunny pm
Penzance	2.1	.20	7	45	Sunny pm
Jersey	7.1	—	7	45	Sunny
Guernsey	5.7	—	7	45	Bright
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles	—	.25	5	41	Cloudy
Newquay	2.2	.09	6	43	Cloudy
Ilfracombe	4.3	—	6	43	Cloudy am
Tenby	4.0	—	5	41	Cloudy
Colwyn Bay	6.9	—	5	41	Sunny
Southport	9.2	—	5	41	Sunny
Morecambe	10.0	—	6	43	Sunny
Douglas	9.1	—	4	39	Sunny
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	9.0	—	4	39	Sunny
Prestwick	9.6	—	6	43	Sunny
Glasgow	7.7	—	6	43	Sunny
Tiree	0.2	—	5	41	Cloudy
Stornoway	9.6	—	6	43	Sunny
Lerwick	6.6	.02	5	41	Showers
Wick	7.5	—	4	39	Sunny
Kinloss	10.5	—	6	43	Sunny
Aberdeen	7.0	.04	5	41	Snow
St Andrews	7.0	—	5	41	Showers am
Edinburgh	9.2	—	6	43	Sunny
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	..	—	5	41	Cloudy

SATELLITE PREDICTIONS

The figures give in order, time and visibility, when rising, maximum elevation and direction of setting. An asterisk denotes entering or leaving eclipse.

London

Bulgaria 1390: 19.02–19.07 NNE 15NE E: 20.44–20.48 N 65NE NE*, 22.27–22.30 NW 20WNW WNW*

Cosmos 185R: 19.01–19.07 NW 60NNE ESE: 20.41–20.44 NW 20SW SW*.

Cosmos 1310: 19.28–19.31 NNW 25NNE NE*: 21.03–21.05 NW 30WNW WNW*

Raduyner 2R: 19.11–19.19 NE 30E SSE: 20.49–20.57 N 45NW SW.

Salyut 7: 20.00–20.02 W 50WSW WSW*.

Manchester

Bulgaria 1390: 19.02–19.06 NNE 15NE ENE: 20.43–20.48 N 65E E*: 22.26–22.30 NW 25W W*

Cosmos 185R: 19.00–19.07 NW 60N SE: 20.41–20.44 W 20WSW SW*.

Cosmos 1310: 19.27–19.31 NNW 30NE ENE*: 21.03–21.05 NW 40W W*

Raduyner 2R: 19.11–19.18 NE 25E SE: 20.49–20.57 N 60WNW SW.

Salyut 7: 20.00–20.02 WSW 45SSW SSW*.

SCOTTISH SKI REPORTS

Cairngorm: Upper, middle runs and lower slopes, complete, hard packed snow. Vertical runs, 1,600ft. Hill roads, very difficult because of drifting snow. Main roads, clear. Snow level, 1,500ft.

Glen Shee: Upper runs, some complete, new snow with icy patches. Lower slopes, very little new snow with icy patches. Vertical runs, 1,000ft. Roads, clear. Snow level 2,000ft.

Glenshee: Upper runs, some complete, hard-packed snow on a hard base. Lower slopes, limited nursery areas, very little snow. Vertical runs, 900ft. Roads, clear. Snow level, 2,300ft.

Lecht: Upper and middle runs, complete hard-packed snow on a firm base. Lower slopes, ample nursery areas of hard-packed snow on a firm base. Vertical runs, 700ft. Roads, clear. Snow level, 2,000ft.

Outlook: Similar, though less windy.

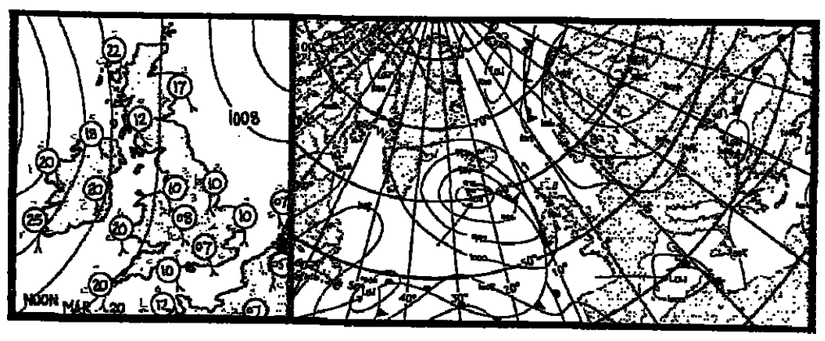
LIGHTING-UP TIMES

Belfast	7.06 pm	to	5.55 am
Birmingham	6.49 pm	to	5.39 am
Bristol	6.32 pm	to	5.42 am
Glasgow	6.59 pm	to	5.48 am
London	6.42 pm	to	5.32 am
Manchester	6.51 pm	to	5.41 am
Newcastle	6.48 pm	to	5.38 am
Nottingham	6.47 pm	to	5.37 am

HIGH-TIDE TABLE

London Bridge	1.16 am	..	1.44 pm
Dover	10.52 am	..	10.58 pm
Liverpool	10.52 am	..	11.13 pm

SUN RISES 6 04 am
SUN SETS 6 12 pm
MOON RISES 6.16 pm
MOON SETS 5 05 pm
MOON: New March 21



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